



The Old School House Nursery

1st half Spring Term 2019 Newsletter

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A Happy New Year to everyone and warm welcome to Rafferty, Oliver & Eva who are starting this term.

Don't forget we operate a **BREAKFAST CLUB** at the start of each day which costs just £6 for arrival anytime between 8 - 9 am. Breakfast is served at 8.30 am (Cereal/Toast & Drink). Wraparound care at the end of session is available at extra charge and needs to be booked.

Please remember to bring your child's **BOOK BAG** each day for transfer of communication plus much loved art work and crafts that have been made. If you have lost yours or don't have one for some reason then please let any member of staff know and we can get it replaced and added to your invoice. Many thanks x

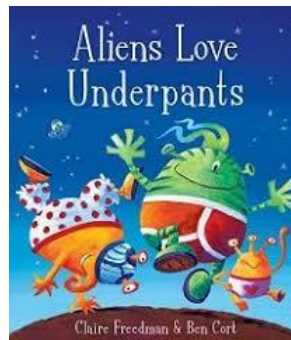
This term we are continuing with the children's interest in the seasons as we investigate all things to do with ..

WINTER as we feel, count, talk about and play with ...



our small world Artic animals, explore Snow Cloud dough and maybe see the real thing !?

We also pick up on the children's interest of **SPACE** and their favourite book 'Aliens love underpants!'



We are going to have FUN with the children as we introduce '**White Rose Maths Mastery**' to enhance our provision for Early Years Mathematics.



Also look out for your child's introduction to '4 year old reading books' if you haven't got them already - speak to your Key Person for more information.

Week beginning _____ Sound _____

WINTER

Mon 7th Jan Aa

THE SNOWMAN

Snow Cloud Dough

Snowball name writing

Mon 14th Jan Bb

PENGUINS

Cotton Wool Penguins

Ice Painting

Mon 21st Jan Cc

BIG GARDEN BIRD

WATCH

Cheerio bird feeders

Bird Calls / Instruments

Mon 28th Jan Dd

SPACE

Aliens love underpants!

Weighing Moon Rocks

Mon 4th Feb Ee

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Paper Lanterns

Threading Dragons

Mon 11^h Feb Ff

VALENTINES

Emotions

Counting Hearts

Half Term

18-22 February 2019

Our woodland walks continue on a Friday as we take the time to look & listen to all the countryside that surrounds us. We are so very lucky to have this on our doorstep at the OSHN. **The BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH takes place during 26th - 28th January so let us know what you see.**



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrating **THE YEAR OF THE PIG**. We will role play with a restaurant, create cherry blossom trees, thread dragons, try our hand at Chinese writing and look at Chinese symbols. We will also be tasting noodles at snack time, prawn crackers, fortune cookies and a chance to try our hand at using chopsticks!



Date for your diary - Thursday 7th March is World Book Day

Nursery will be open for breakfast 8.30 - 9.15 am (Cereal, toast, OJ) and a chance to share a book for anyone coming this way - mums/dads/ grandparents and siblings included. (Please remember children must be accompanied by an adult unless attending Breakfast Club).

All children and Staff to come dressed as a book character ... who will you be ?

Are you helping raise funds for Nursery when on-line shopping ???

Remember all you need to do is to log on to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oshnstowmarket/>

we are already generating monies so join us today.



Don't forget In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** you will need to listen to the following radio stations -

- Radio Suffolk 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM

Alternatively go online at
<http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk> or
helmingham.suffolk.sch.uk

The Nursery operates in line with Helmingham CP School and as such you need to listen for the action being taken by this school on reports. In the event of severe weather during the day the nursery will contact parents by telephone to collect their child early. Also keep an eye on our Facebook Page.

Is your child ... FEELING POORLY / BEEN SICK

Remember if your child is ill they **MUST NOT** return to Nursery until they have been clear for 48 hours. The best place for a child full of cold, feeling 'under the weather' is cuddled up at home.

Hot School Dinners

Tasty and freshly prepared by Helmingham School Cook next door – delivered to Nursery. **MUST** be booked by 9.15am.

Please phone your choice in early/day before if you know you might be late. Cost £3 (£2.30 + 70p handling fee)

Full Menu on display in the cloakroom – just order on arrival.



Nursery '**SPECIAL TABLE**' is in the Blue Room - where we meet and chat for Circle time each session. Please put items here so we can include them in our discussion with the children.

The Nursery has a Mobile Phone that can be taken out on walks, outings etc. It means we are able to receive TEXTS if this is easier for you. However, you must ensure when texting that you include the child's name and your name in the message.



Our main phone is still the primary contact number for the nursery and has the ability for you to leave a verbal message.

The nursery mobile number is 07954 116861. Also in keeping with our Safeguarding Policy this mobile does not have a camera facility.

WEATHER & OUT DOOR PLAY - please provide waterproof warm coat, wellington boots, hat, gloves - ALL NAMED ! Plus spare FULL set of clothes on your child's peg. We do have some waterproof clothing but if you have waterproof Trousers/suit please send them in with your child as they much prefer to wear their own.
Thank you.



Important –

Please remember that when your child arrives at Nursery they need to be registered with the Nursery Staff on the door.

It is extremely important that at this time any **Existing Injuries** are pointed out and in some cases it might be necessary to fill out an Existing Injury Form. Also any medication to be handed over & form filled out –**MEDICATION MUST NOT BE LEFT IN YOUR CHILDS BAG**. If bringing medication that needs refrigeration please remember to bring it in a cold bag with ice block so we can store it safely on our shelves at Nursery.



Remember - Nursery Morning Registration is between 9 – 9.15 am. After this time the door is locked and you will need to ring the bell.

If you want to contact the Committee then please either speak to Steph or email them direct on oshncommittee@gmail.com

They are working hard to ensure transfer to the Consortium Academy Trust goes smoothly. More maintenance needs to take place to our building, the scaffolding will be going back up once further investigations into whether there is an active Bat population (study needs to take place around April).

If you have something for the next Newsletter or have an idea we could include please let Heather know by emailing it to nursery for her attention. Any queries regarding the GARDENING ROTA please contact Charlotte. Questions regarding sessions/invoices remember to speak to Angela who is in on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon 2 pm onwards. Many thanks

Please remember a full set of the Nursery Policies and Procedures are available to parents in the cloakroom area at all times.

Designated Safeguarding Officer is Heather Runacres.

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers are Steph Cross & Kelly Miller.

Committee Safeguarding Officer is Alex Matter.

