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Newsletter Spring Term 3 2023

Happy New Year!

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Nativity and Fair, we were so happy to see you all there and so proud of our children. We raised a total amount of: £335.15 THANK YOU.



Theme: This term we are focussing our learning around *The Gruffalo's Child*. This book will open up a world of fun learning opportunities, particularly about rhyming, woodland creatures and nature. Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including stories by Julia Donaldson, games or characters.

We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land**. For further information on the goals, please see: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

We will also be exploring **Chinese or Lunar New Year/Yuan Tan**, this year will be the year of the Rabbit. If your family celebrates this event, we would love to hear all about it and see some photographs please. If you have any suggestions of how we can celebrate in pre-school please have a chat with us.

Celebrating Diversity: Please send in (or email) a family photograph for your child to share, discuss and display. This ongoing display in preschool, of all the children and their families, helps to teach tolerance and respect of differences in a relevant way, and the children love to look at the photos and talk about their families with their friends.



Details update: Please ensure that your personal details are up to date, including changes of mobile phone numbers or trusted friends or family who may collect your child.

EYPP funding: To support learning at home and the development of Communication and Language and Literacy for all of the children, we will use some of the Early Years Pupil Premium funding to purchase a copy of a Julia Donaldson story, for each child. We will enjoy sharing the stories with all of the children, before sending a copy home for each child

to keep and share with their family, along with ideas for learning at home, within the next few weeks. We hope you will enjoy sharing these books with your children.

Admissions to Primary Schools 2023: Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019? You must apply online for a place at Primary School. Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola by 16th January 2023.

Dates for Your Diaries

Key Person Meetings. Thursday 26th January: Please take the opportunity to discuss with us how your child has settled in and their progress through the EYFS. Please make an appointment with Isabel or Denise. If you haven't yet returned your child's Learning Journal, please do as soon as possible. Don't forget to use the yellow stickers provided, or a post-it note of your choosing, to record your child's learning and achievements, or "wow" moments of which you feel proud. Alternatively, you can email these to us, for inclusion in their Learning Journals.

Holidays: Pre-school will close on **Friday 10th February at 16.00**. Term 4 starts on **Monday 20th February at 9.00**. Please note that all of our term dates are online at www.hersdenunder5s.weebly.com

Kind Regards

Isabel Harvey
Manager & Teacher