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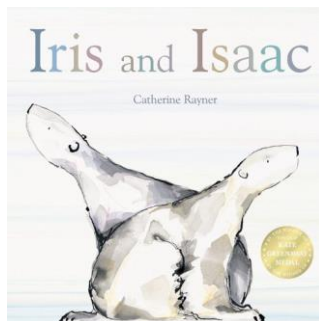
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Newsletter Spring Term 3 2024

Happy New Year!

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Sing-along and Fair, we were so happy to see you all there and so proud of our children. We raised just over £400.00 THANK YOU.



Theme: This term we are focussing our learning around the story *Iris and Isaac*. This book is perfect to read during this cold icy winter and offers plenty of learning opportunities, particularly about polar regions and the animals which inhabit them, friendships and forgiveness. Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including books, games or stories.

We are also focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action**. 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 Dragon. 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.

Winter Clothes: As you know, we go outside in all weathers, so please provide your child with a hat and mittens (or gloves), as well as a warm coat, every day during this very cold weather. Please label these if possible. Pre-school does have some spares, for emergencies, but we do not have enough for all of the children every day.

EYPP funding: As many of you know, the children have been enjoying music and dance sessions with *Little Music Stars*. EYPP funding has been used to facilitate this, and we intend on having more sessions so that all of the children can access the fun and learning. These sessions not only build creative skills, but also confidence, mathematical awareness, communication and language skills, and help physical development, as well as supporting an understanding of the world! Great value for money, especially as the children love the sessions so much.

Staffing: Unfortunately I have to let you know that Jess has, for personal reasons, taken the difficult decision to leave her role at pre-school. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Jess well for the future.

Dates for Your Diaries

Key Person Meetings. Thursday 1st February: 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 8th February at 16.00**. Term 4 starts on **Monday 19th February at 8.45**. Please note that all of our term dates are online at www.hersdenunder5s.weebly.com

Advance notice: World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year, we will celebrate this as usual, and the children who usually attend on Thursdays will be invited to wear fancy dress of their favourite book character on that day.

Kind Regards

Isabel Harvey
Manager & Teacher