

Our Learning During Jan and Feb your children had lots of fun looking at some of our favourite stories in depth and doing a host of activities linked to them, including making alien masks for 'Alien's Love Underpants' and exploring texture in the 'That's Not My...' series of books. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day! This half term we are focusing on numbers, 1-5 and 6-10, and also celebrating Easter. We will of course also continue to follow the basics of 'Read, Write, Inc', introducing letter sounds to all through our 'Sound of the Week'.

Easter Fundraising

With Easter fast approaching we are currently organising our annual Easter Sponsored Walk to Kinlet Church, and Easter Egg Hunt, which is usually held at the end of the Spring Term. We will provide all of our children with sponsor forms very soon! All proceeds will be put towards the planned ground works required in our playground. To help us to raise money instead of spend it, donations of eggs/chocolate coins etc. for the hunt will be gratefully received!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Oliver, Elsie and Thomas who have all turned 3 recently, and to Lucy who turns 4 in March!

IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Monday 16th March, 7.30pm, Eagle & Serpent

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 6th - Friday 17th April

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 8th May - Playgroup Closed!

TERM DATES

Apologies to the couple of families who weren't aware of the closure recently due to a PD Day at Kinlet School. All term dates, including bank holidays and PD Days are on the Term Dates list that is provided to all towards the end of the academic year, or in your Welcome Pack. If you don't appear to have one, please do ask for a new copy. We try to remind everyone when there are odd days off but we are human and sometimes forget! Please remember the change to the May Bank Holiday, which is now FRIDAY 8th May!!!



A Bit of Housekeeping...

As you may have noticed, we are VERY busy and have some sessions that are full or almost full. If you require any changes for the Summer Term, please speak to Miss. Pearson ASAP to see if we can accommodate your requirements. Also... during the Summer Term, our School Leavers will of course be linking up regularly with Reception Class at Kinlet C of E School. We have begun attending their regular 'Open Book' story sessions and will be having play sessions with Reception to get to know the adults, classmates and environment.

Staffing Updates!

As you may have noticed, we welcomed a new member of staff at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Angie Forster, from Highley, is a qualified teacher and has many years of experience working with a range of ages. Angie has joined us to work as SEN Support and as an assistant during our busy period of the year (which has come a lot sooner than usual this year!) She has settled straight in to the staff team and we are very lucky to have her!

For a while now we have also been joined on Wednesdays and Fridays by Miss. Taylor Parry who is also a local Highley girl, and is completing a Level 3 qualification in Childcare at Telford College.

Taylor has been an excellent student and the children adore her. She has enjoyed her time at Playgroup so much that she has extended her placement with us until May/June!

On a sad note, Mrs. Helen Lewis, who has worked at Playgroup for many years has decided the time is right in her life to cut back her extremely busy work schedule. Therefore Helen will no longer be working on her Monday and Wednesday afternoons after Easter. It's not the end of her time at Playgroup though, as she will continue to support us in a Bank Staff role. Hooray!

And speaking of Bank Staff, Mrs. Tracy Ward will be working on Wednesdays during the Summer Term, again to staff our busy period, so we look forward to seeing Tracy again ☺