



Welcome back!

Here are just a few special notes about the coming spring half term 2018.

The children are making lovely progress in their learning and this is evident in their **learning journeys**. Thank you so much for all your contributions too and all the informal conversations you have with the team about your child's learning. We love sharing in your child's learning with you both at home and at nursery. Finding out they are fascinated by something at home and being able to see how this continues at nursery enables us all to use this information to develop each individual child's learning so we can work together with you to support your child's learning and development.

We are continuing to develop and deepen our understanding and provision for young children's learning by ensuring that they have real physical learning adventures and challenges. Research shows that children who experience challenges and become risk competent show the best attitudes to learning – such as high levels of engagement, motivation to want to learn and being able to think about and use their own ideas.

We are also developing our understanding of the importance of sensory development. We are particularly focussing on the sense of balance and the sense of proprioception often referred to as the 2 extra senses.

Please ask the staff for more information.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with some special events please make a note of them so you don't miss out.

SPECIAL DATES		
THURSDAY 1st March	WORLD BOOK DAY	Encourage your child to bring a favourite story to nursery. <u>We do not expect the children to dress up.</u> Each child will receive a special book token which can be taken to participating book shops and exchanged for a book
TUESDAY 27 th March	PARENTS MEETINGS	Parents will be allocated a time during the day to come and meet with your child's special teacher. This will enable you to discuss how your child is progressing and to plan the next steps for them. Please ask your child's special teacher for an appointment slot. Children will not be in for normal nursery during the day
WEDNESDAY 28 th March	ACORN & OAK EASTER FAMILY FUNDAY & BREAK UP	Come along as a family for some special Springtime Crafts, planting and an Easter egg hunt and lots more! The morning session will be between 9.30am-11am and the afternoon session will be between 12.30pm – 2pm. Feel free to come and go at a time that suits you. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children break up today for Easter
THURSDAY 29 th March to TUE 17 th April	NURSERY CLOSED TO CHILDREN	Easter holiday & staff training
WED 18 th April	BACK TO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN	Nursery re-opens at normal time

The children continue to access the outdoors all year round as we know how this benefits their health, well being, learning and development. We have fleeces, waterproofs, wellies and hats and gloves. Please make sure the children have warm clothes – layers are best for this and an extra pair of socks too means the children don't feel the cold and so enjoy their time outdoors.

Look out for the new rhymes in your child's learning journey.

Please keep us informed if you have updated your telephone numbers. It is essential for safeguarding that we are able to contact you while your child is at nursery.

If you have any spare pants, socks and trousers your child has grown out of please bring them to nursery for spares.

Finally thank you to children, staff and parents who offered time to the OFSTED inspector. We are pleased to say that this short inspection went very well. If you would like to read the full report it is available online at ofsted.gov.uk – search for Windsor Nursery School

Thank you