



**Welcome back!**

**Here are just a few special notes about the coming spring half term 2019.**

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 particularly looking this year at continuing to develop our understanding and provision for young children's learning by ensuring that they have real learning adventures and challenges. We want to offer the very best learning opportunities for each child that matches their position on their play journey.

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

<b>SPECIAL DATES</b>		
THURSDAY 7th March	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b>	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
FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>COMIC RELIEF</b>	We shall be making red nose biscuits and offering to face paint red noses. Parents can make donations which we will send to Comic Relief
THURSDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>PARENTS MEETINGS</b>	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. <b>Note that Kay's will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>
FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ACORN &amp; OAK EASTER FAMILY FUNDAY &amp; BREAK UP</b>	Come along as a family for some special Springtime Crafts, planting and an Easter egg hunt and lots more! The session will be for all children in 2's and 3's between 10am and 1pm. Feel free to come and go at a time that suits you. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult as staff will all be engaged in offering crafts and activities
MONDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	
MON 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>NURSERY CLOSED</b>	Staff training/ Home visits
TUE 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	Normal time
MON 6 <sup>th</sup> MAY	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
MON 27 <sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>HALF TERM</b>	

- We know how important it is for the children's learning, well-being and development to have free access to the outdoors. The children have wellies, fleeces and waterproofs to use in our garden. Take a look at our website to see how children learn effectively in the outdoors – [www.windsorcentre.com](http://www.windsorcentre.com)
- Research has also shown that it is very important that young children should spend time without their shoes on to help develop their physical skills, balance and co-ordination. Please support your child to take off their coats and shoes when they come into nursery and to put their coats and shoes back on when you collect them. All the time and support you can give your child in developing their independence really helps their confidence and self-help skills.
- We are currently preparing our garden space for planting – if anyone has spare seeds, bulbs or plants please let us know and we will gladly make use of them.
- Please ensure if you have had a new phone number that you have informed staff on reception. **It is essential for safeguarding** that we can contact you **at all times** when your child is at Windsor if we need to. Also please contact us to let us know if your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery. You can telephone, email us or ask another parent to pass on a message.

## TEAM NEWS



We are delighted to inform parents that Rena Patel and Rachel Abbott are both expecting spring babies. Rena finishes work this week and Rachel will be finishing work just after Easter – all being well.

We are sure you will join us in wishing all of them well!! We will let you know as soon as the babies are born.

We are pleased to tell you that while Rachel is on maternity leave that Susan Duckett will be taking good care of Rachel's family group



Also Kay Lowe will be celebrating a very significant birthday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We know you will all join with us in wishing Kay a very happy birthday!

Thanks for your on-going support. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us. We look forward to a happy (& hopefully sunny) half term.

Any questions – don't hesitate to ask us

**WINDSOR TEAM**