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Little Berries Preschool

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Topics

The topic this half term is:

- LB1 - People who help us
- LB2 - Spring



Welcome to our March newsletter! We hope you will find it informative - we have lots of activities planned this half term that will not only be educational but lots of fun too!

Spring Walk



Following the cancellation of the Winter Walk, we have planned a Spring Walk for **Wednesday 04 March** at 9.15am. We will be looking for and learning about all the wonderful signs of Spring at the Common. For this to go ahead, we will require adult helpers. If you can help please let a member of staff know.

World Book Day

We celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 05 March**. The children are invited to come in wearing a book-themed costume and bring their favourite book to share with their friends.

Please remember we 'dress for mess'. Names need to be written in the book to help us get them home. This is an optional event. We do have spare dressing up at pre-school if required.

Mother's Day music session with Miranda

All Mummies, Step-Mummies, Grannies and Nannies are welcome to our special musical celebration with Miranda. **Thursday 12 March:**



LB2 at 11:00am and LB1 at 1:10pm

Comic Relief Day - Friday 20 March

For Comic Relief we are inviting the children to come in to preschool in fancy dress - the crazier the better. As we are a charity, we welcome donations.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are being held by appointment on **23 and 24 March** between 5pm and 6pm. Please use this time to have an in depth discussion with your child's key person about their progress, next steps, and where applicable, the transition to 'Big School'.

LB2: Monday 23 March - All key groups

LB1: Monday 23 March for Millie, Kim and Stacey
Tuesday 24 March for Lauren, Vikki and Lucy

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 04 March - Spring Walk, 9.15am. Details opposite.

Thursday 05 March - World Book Day. Details opposite.

Wednesday 11 March - INSET Day. Preschool will be CLOSED

Thursday 12 March - Mother's Day celebration with Miranda. LB2 at 11.00am and LB1 at 1.10pm.

Monday 16 March - Deadline for booking parent meetings with your child's keyperson.

Friday 20 March - Comic Relief: Crazy dress up day!

Monday 23 March - Parent meetings: 4-5pm. Must be booked in advance.
LB2: all key groups 4-5pm
LB1: Stacey, Kim and Millie

Tuesday 24 March - Prent meetings 4-5pm. Must be booked in advance.
LB1: Lauren, Vikki, Lucy.

Friday 27 March - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.15pm. Details on next page.

Monday 30 March - Easter holidays begin - normal preschool CLOSED.

Monday 30 March - Thursday 02 April - Holiday Club. Please note this runs for one week only. Details on next page.

Monday 13 April - First day back for Summer Term 1.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Our bonnet parade will be on **Friday 27 March** at 2:15pm (the last day before the holidays). If the weather is nice, we will be outside.

All family members are welcome to come and watch and have a little Easter dance!



Summer Trip

Save the date for our Summer trip on **22 May** to Manor Farm! Invitations to follow soon.

Contact Details

It is vital that the contact information we hold for your child is up to date. Please inform the pre-school of any changes or amendments to your details as soon as possible.

Physical Top Tips

As parents you will all have experienced what it's like to try and keep up with an energetic toddler or preschooler. But did you know that children this age need three hours of physical activity a day?

Children between 2 and 4 years old don't only need a lot of movement, they also need a lot of variety of movement. This age group is ready to move in new and exciting ways! So while it's essential to make time for unstructured, active playtime, it's also important to have access to plenty of fun, simple activities that you know will help them get active and develop skills in many different ways.

Each month in our newsletters we will share a "Physical Top Tip" of ideas you can share with and encourage your children to do.






Animal Walk

Inside or out, encourage your child to slither like a snake, hop like a frog, gallop like a horse, or walk like a bear on all fours.

Year R Spaces

Parents with children going into Year R this September will receive confirmation of their space on **16th April**.

Please let your child's key person know what school place has been allocated for your child so that we can start our planning for transition, even if you are appealing the decision.

We like to work with your child's school to ensure a smooth start in September by inviting the teachers in where possible.



Holiday Club

We currently have spaces available for our holiday club running during the Easter Holidays. We are open **Monday 30 March to Thursday 02 April** 8:30am to 16:00pm (please note that the Friday is Good Friday and we will be closed).

There will be lots of fun activities on offer for the children to enjoy.

The cost for the holiday club is £35 per day and must be booked in advance.



For more information or to make a booking please speak to a member of staff.

Absence

Please remember if your child will not be attending a registered session the preschool must be informed as soon as possible by telephoning:

LB1 - 023 8091 5531 or text 07982 175170

LB2 - 023 8077 3206 or text 07783 501171

Please ensure a valid reason and expected return date are provided.

Labelling clothing

Can you please remember to label your child's clothing - especially coats and shoes. A permanent marker is enough to help us identify your child's items and make sure they get returned to their owner.

As you can imagine, we get a lot of the same or very similar items.

Toys from Home

Please do not allow your child to brings in toys from home as these are often lost or broken and can cause upset. It also creates unnecessary conflict

