

Pre-School Newsletter March 2018

Thank you very much for your understanding regarding our closure due to snow and low temperatures on Friday, this is always a very difficult decision and with most of our core staff living in the villages we felt it was the most sensible decision. We also had frozen pipes in our bathroom so no running water which was a first!

February has flown by the children really enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with us, there were some lovely activities such as painting with chop sticks, making lanterns, counting and sorting money.



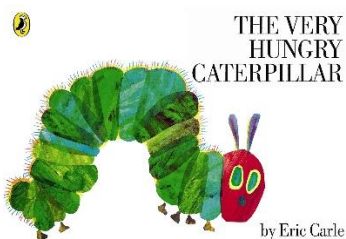
Individual Learning, Home learning, Interests and WOW moments:

The month of March is upon us already and it starts with our focus book of the "Hungry Caterpillar" this is one of our children's favourites!

We will be including some of the healthy foods that he eats in our snacks that we provide for the children. During snack time, we will discuss with them what foods are good for us and what we should only have as a treat.


We have attached an image of some of the foods that The Hungry Caterpillar eats if you would like to talk about it at home with your child, or even include some of the healthier options in their lunchbox.

Also attached are some colouring sheets which we would love the children to colour in at home, if they would like to. Please do bring them back in with your child's name on for us to put on our display! If you are unable to print please let one of the team know and we can do it for you.



News from the committee:

Dates for your diary:

March	
14 th Wednesday	Parents evening @ 6.15pm - 7.30pm: Please speak to your child's keyperson or put a note in the Pre-School links book if you can attend. This is an ideal time to have a catch up, look at your child's learning journey. Due to the number of children we have we are only able to allocate 10 minutes, if you have more than one child here then a little longer!
23 rd Friday	 Please bring in £1 for sport relief and come dressed up sporty, we will do some fun physical activities!
May	
Sat 5 th May 10 - 1pm	<p>*****SAVE THE DATE*****</p> <p>Saturday 5th May 10am - 1pm, we will be celebrating 30 years of WUFA with an open morning. All welcome children and adults, our Mayor and some of the original WUFA team will also be joining us. More details to follow soon, your support would be appreciated for this fun event!</p>

Important information from the Oxfordshire County Council Funding team:

Early Years Pupil Premium

WUFA may be able to claim up to £300 per year of funding to support your 3 or 4 year old's development, learning and care. To find out if you are eligible please follow this link:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/early-years-pupil-premium-information-parents>

Free Early Education for 2 Year Olds

WUFA may also be able to claim funding if your child is 2 years old if you require any help with this please call/email the office.

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding>

30 hours free childcare

Working parents may be eligible for an extra 15 hours childcare a week from September 2017. All 3 to 4-year-olds in England are entitled to 15 hours a week, or 570 hours a year of free early education.

Families where both parents/carers are working (or one if a lone parent) and earn at least the equivalent of minimum wage for 16 hours a week but under £100,000 per year may be eligible for 30 hours (from September 2017).

Please be aware that the entitlement to a free place does not offer a guarantee of a place at any one provider or a particular pattern of provision.

Check if you are eligible and sign up to 30 hours childcare and/or tax free childcare:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Early Years Pupil Premium: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/eyp>



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