



Nottingham Nursery School Newsletter

March 2017



Here comes the Spring!

As we approach the Easter break, it is lovely to see the trees in the forest garden coming into blossom and the spring bulbs coming into flower. It's been a very busy half term here at nursery with lots of things to report and our Easter celebrations still to come. We have been really enjoying the warmer temperatures during outdoor play although there are weather reports that there is still snow to come!

Stay and Play

Sadly, the last session of stay and play will be on Wed 22nd March. Children and Families Services can no longer afford to continue running this session, although they will still be running sessions at Hyson Green. We are hoping to arrange an alternative session here at nursery so watch this space. Please leave your contact details at reception if you would like to receive a text to keep you updated with any developments.

Snack

Just a quick reminder that all children are offered the chance to have a portion fruit and a carbohydrate based snack, along with a drink of milk or water, every session. This is provided by school but we ask that parents make a contribution of 50p a week to contribute to the cost of this. There is a box on reception for you to post your money into. Many thanks.



Head Teacher

We would like to let you know that our Head Teacher, Mary, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. She will be going to join the Transform Teaching School Alliance (which the nursery school is part of) as an Associate Head Teacher. We will be recruiting for her replacement during the summer term and will keep you informed once someone has been appointed.

Parent governors

At last, we have all of our parent governor roles taken at the moment so a huge thank you to those parents who have put themselves forward. You can see who the school governors are on the board in the parents' area.

Tiny Tappers dancing



Our weekly tap dancing sessions (for full-time boys and girls) is running every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm. We do have a couple of spaces left so if your child would like to sign up, please ask at reception. The cost is £1.50 per week and includes use of their tap shoes and dance clothes.

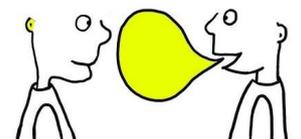
Feel-good families sessions

There are two more weeks to go of this 8 week course, run by Guy. We have been so pleased to see how well attended it has been and feedback from those parents attending has been very positive. Those who have attended have been able to spend time with other parents and learn about things like behaviour management, children's health and wellbeing, drug awareness and prevention, stress management and aromatherapy. This is something we are likely to run again in the future, so if you are interested, please leave your details at reception.



ESOL Classes (and maybe First Aid)

Following on from the success of the feel good families and in response to suggestions from parents, we will be running some English classes starting after the Easter Holidays. These will be provided by our parent governor, Naheed Walait (who is a qualified ESOL teacher) and we are very grateful to her for giving us such a generous amount of her time. More details to follow so look out for the posters.





We are also investigating the possibility of offering Paediatric First Aid courses for parents so if this something you would be interested in, watch this space.

Family Photo project

We are continuing our work with Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery as part of the Garcia Project next term. But, in the mean-time, we are also working with the gallery and artist Joy Gregory as part of a family photography project. You should have received a letter about this project and we would love as many families as possible to take part. Please ask at reception if you have any questions and be sure to sign up if you are interested.



Fire Fighters and Police Visit



This term the children have been learning all about people who help us and we have been very lucky to

have had visits from the fire fighters (with their fire engine) and the police (with a patrol car). The children really enjoyed trying on the uniforms and having a go in the vehicles!

Blanket Drive

Mrs Johnson organised a collection to support the Nottingham Blanket Drive who provide blankets for refugees in Paris. We would like to thank all of you who donated as we were able to take three large bags of blankets to add to those which have been donated across the city. Thank you.

North West Europe, Africa and Asia Days

Over the last month, we have celebrated North West Europe, Africa and Asia days in school.

Makaton Signs of the Month

As you know, we are using Makaton in school to support our children's language development. Here are the signs for you to have a go at at home, this month. Remember, it is important to always speak normally, doing the sign at the same time as you say the relevant word.



The children have had chance to try new foods from all of these parts of the world and have learned about customs, clothes and celebrations in these places. Thank you to all our families who contributed to these days. We love to have you in school to celebrate the diversity of our community.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is this Friday, 24th March. If children would like to wear something red to celebrate, that would be lovely. Staff will be raising money by taking part in Nick Grimshaw's sweepstake.



Easter Celebration Day 31st March

We will be having our Easter Celebration Day on 31st March. There will be a special meal at lunch time and the children will be able to have a go at different Easter crafts in school as well as hearing about the Easter story. We will also be holding a cake stall to raise money for

school so don't forget to bring a bit of extra cash with you on the day.



Easter Concert

Our Easter concerts will be held on:

- Tues 28th March at 2-3pm
- Wed 29th Mar at 9.30-10.30

Entry will be with tickets only and these will be made available nearer the time.

Cost of School Dinners

From the 1st April onwards, the cost of school dinners will be going up. The new price will be £1.80 per meal (£9 per week for a full-time child).

Dates for your Diary

Last Day before Easter	31 st March 2017
First Day back after Easter	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
INSET days this year	2 nd May & 26 th July

Hello

Goodbye

Please

Thank you