



## Newsletter February/March/April 2025

***Please continue to check the website regularly as there are updates, information and calendar dates being added throughout the year!***

### **Learning Themes**

Information about our 'Learning Themes' can be found on our website under 'PARENTS' and 'LEARNING THEMES'.

### **Christmas Gift Donations**

Many thanks for all your kind gifts and cards for Christmas. Many of you also donated to our chosen charity 'The Children's Hospice' and we are delighted to support them again this year.

### **School Fund**

As you know we ask parents for a contribution to our 'School Fund' as explained back in August at our 'Family Visit Days'. We are extremely grateful to all parents for making this donation, as the school budget situation has become extremely bleak. The school fund not only pays for your child's weekly snack- which every child receives, but also allows us to fund resources for the many activities in Nursery that all children participate in every week. It is also used to subsidise the many events and visitors we have in the nursery along with funds raised by our PTA.

Unfortunately, our Education Authority funding is no longer enough to cover the cost of the very basic equipment that we require such as paper, paint, toilet roll etc. Therefore, your support in contributing a small amount each month really does go a long way in supporting your child in their 'whole' pre-school education.

### **Big Bedtime Read**

We hope that you and your child are enjoying the book packs. Please remember to return your book pack every Monday to school so that there are enough to go home again on the following Thursday.

### **PTA**

Our 'PTA' has already raised a fantastic amount so far this year! Smarties tubes challenge raised £1110!

They will be continuing with fundraising events over the coming months! Please check out their Facebook and Website page for further information! These funds enable the PTA to support the school by the purchasing of additional activities and educational equipment for all the children.

### **Visits and Visitors**

We will be welcoming some exciting visitors and activities to our Nursery over the coming months- these are/ will be listed on our Website on the 'calendar'.

Special dates for your diary are also listed on this newsletter.

### **Clothing Bin**

The clothing 'recycling' bin is located at our Main Car Park Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out!

### **Nursery and Primary School Applications**

The 'Parent Portal' closed for applications for both Primary and Nursery school applications on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. If you have not yet made an application, you must contact the Admissions Helpdesk to discuss how you can make a late application:

## **Admissions Helpdesk**

If additional information is required or any difficulty is experienced, parents can contact the admissions helpdesk via the email addresses below:

**028 9047 0177**

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

- Pre-School Admissions  
[preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk)
- Primary School Admissions  
[primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk)

### **World Book Day 2025**

This will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March this year. We ask all children to dress up as their favourite book character! We will be having lots of 'literacy' fun activities going on that day! Mr Hullabaloo is coming on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March to tell us lots of stories!

**Diary dates for the coming year 2025-  
*Further info and details will be sent nearer to each event***

### **February**

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>- World of Owls visiting nursery

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>- **Nursery CLOSED for mid-term break**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> February- Children return to school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>- Jo Jingles begins for 4 weeks every Tuesday

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>- **Nursery CLOSED for staff training day**

### **March**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day- *children to dress up*

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Mr Hullabaloo Spring Show in school

### **April**

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>- **MORNING SESSION CLOSED** for parent/teacher telephone meetings

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>- **AFTERNOON SESSSION CLOSED** for parent/teacher telephone meetings

Weds 16<sup>th</sup>- **Children finish for Easter Holidays**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Nursery reopens for Summer Term

Tuesday 29th – Jo Jingles begins for 4 weeks every Tuesday

### **May**

Friday 2nd - **Closed for Bank Holiday Weekend and Staff Days**

Tues 6th – **Nursery re -opens.**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Graduation photographs being taken in school

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> and Weds 21<sup>st</sup>- Parenting sessions in school- more info to follow

Fri 23rd- **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - **Bank Holiday**

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> - **Nursery CLOSED for Staff Day**

Weds 28<sup>th</sup>- Children return to school

### ***June***

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June- ‘Arts Week’

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>- ‘Pirate’ day- children can dress up!

Weds 25<sup>th</sup>- Party Day with Jo Jingles (**Last day for any children returning to us next year**)

26<sup>th</sup> June- PM children Graduation Day- and **last day of school** (no AM session on this day)

27<sup>th</sup> June- AM session children Graduation Day and **last day of school**

**\*\*Both graduation events will be held in the mornings\*\* - Times to be confirmed.**