



Monthly Newsletter - February 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are glad to see the arrival of February after what felt like a very long January! As you are aware, we had a challenging month in Nursery with significant damage caused by Storm Eowyn- we are still waiting for our fence to be repaired in the Nursery garden which means we are using a limited section of the space for outdoor play.

We spent last week learning about Lunar New Year - this is a lovely topic that always captures the children's imagination. We had some sensory play with noodles and rice, and enjoyed some red and gold themed craft - a highlight was the Friday treat of eating prawn crackers while watching some dragon dancing on our interactive whiteboard! This week we are doing a little work on Valentines Day and discussing our loved ones and how to show we care. After the half term break, we look forward to starting a new topic of 'Superheroes!'

We have a very exciting event to look forward to on the 19th February - our trip to Clandeboye Estate - more details on this below!

Nursery Trip

We are thrilled to be joining our friends from Trinity Nursery School on a joint trip to the Clandeboye Estate on Wednesday 19th February. The team at Clandeboye Nature Rangers will lead a day of Forest School activities for us and the children will eat a packed lunch when there, provided by the school meals service.

Children are to come to Nursery in normal uniform at the usual time of **9am** on that day - it is important that you arrive **promptly** that day please as we need to get the children ready for their big day. The minibuses will be setting off from Nursery at around 9.30am. Our buses will collect us from Clandeboye at 1pm, so given possible traffic and the fact that we will have to come in to nursery and get changed out of waterproofs, **pickup will be later than usual that day. We estimate 1.45pm but will give regular updates on Seesaw and ask that you keep a close eye on messages.**

We are sure this special trip will be a highlight of the children's year and we are so excited to have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Clandeboye.



Help wanted!



We have some new flat pack pieces of equipment for the classroom that we could really do with some help assembling. We have no building supervisor at the moment so would love any willing volunteers to lend a hand. Ideally this would be a job for the afternoon, once the children have left. Please let us know if you can help.

Nursery Pick Ups



We are still regularly having difficulty with adults arriving to pick up children, but they are not listed on the approved pick up list. These have been family friends or relatives and parents have simply forgotten to add them to the list. However, we will **never** let your child go with anyone you have not written on the list you provided us with at the start of the year. These situations can be embarrassing and stressful for all concerned so please let us know if you would like to update your list with further names.

World Book day



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children on Thursday 6th March.

World Book day was created in 1995 by UNESCO and was originally designed to be a celebration of reading and storytelling. At Kings Road, we feel the meaning has been lost a little over the years – and World Book Day has become more about buying expensive costumes and dressing up. This year we would like to take the pressure off parents and put the BOOK back into World Book Day! So no dressing up is required on World Book Day, instead we have the following activities planned for our special celebrations: we will have a wonderful array of book themed activities happening throughout the nursery day – sharing special stories, making our own books and bookmarks.

We will also be introducing our 'Anywhere and Everywhere' photo challenge. We challenge you to take a photo of your child enjoying a book somewhere fun and unusual. Up a tree, in the hairdressers, on top of a mountain....its up to you! Please send your photo to us via email by Fri 21st February. We really look forward to seeing all the children enjoying a book anywhere and everywhere!

Dates for the Diary



- **Fri 7th Feb** - Last day of term, **children finish at 11.30**
- **Mon 17th Feb** - **Children start back**
- **Weds 19th Feb** - Trip to Clandeboye Estate
- **Thurs 20th Feb** - **Staff Development Day, NURSERY CLOSED TO CHILDREN**