

## Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome back!

It is lovely to have all of our children back with us once again. This should be another busy half term for us with some lovely activities planned for children. We will try and share as many photos as we can via Tapestry or our Facebook page.

We have now separated our newsletters so that this one is just for our two year olds, so should hopefully make it easier to keep track of everything that is happening.

We are sure the half term will fly by! Both Miss Bond and Mrs Phillips will be going on maternity leave at the end of this half-term. We wish them all the best and can't wait to meet their beautiful babies! Mrs Phillips will be returning in January and Miss Bond will be back next April.

Mrs Hymers- Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Mon 11th March– Fri 15th March	Easter bonnet decorating
Tues 12th-Fri 15th March	Book Fair
Wednesday 20th March	Chocolate tombola
Wednesday 20th March & Thursday 21st March	Easter 'Stay and Play' sessions– please book!
Wednesday 27th March	Sensory Play Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 15th April	First day back at school

## Chicks

We will be hatching chicks from Monday 18th March for around two weeks. Children will be able to watch the different stages of them hatching and hold them. Keep an eye out for photos on Tapestry!



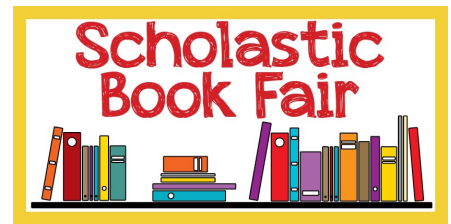


### **World Book Day– Thursday 7th March**

To celebrate this year's World Book Day, please can your child come into nursery wearing their pyjamas (warm ones please!) and bring a teddy and their favourite book. We will run lots of sessions throughout the day for children to share their stories and cuddle up with their teddy.

### **Book Fair**

To further promote our love of reading, we have teamed up with Scholastic books to have a book fair in school from Tuesday 12th March until Friday 15th March.



All children will be given a £1 off voucher (to celebrate World Book Day) that can be used at the fair. The fair will be open before and after school, but you can also order online. A percentage of any books bought will also go towards our school fund which helps pay for lots of lovely activities that we do in Nursery.

### **Competition Time!**

To win a £5.00 book voucher to spend at the book fair, please send in a photo of your child reading a book in the most unusual place! The 5 most unusual places will win a voucher. All entries will be displayed in the porch . You can send your photos in already printed, or can email them to us or post on Tapestry and we can print them for you. We can't wait to see them!

### **Snack money**

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for full time children and £1 per week for 15 hour children. This money is used to provide a snack for the children in the morning and the afternoon. We also use it to buy additional resources, e.g. items for baking or special activities in nursery; without these contributions we would not be able to do this. You can put your donation in the money box at the front door.



## **Easter Stay and Play**

Every Easter, we celebrate with children by decorating Easter bonnets and performing some Easter songs too. We will be holding two 'Stay and Play' sessions on Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March for you to come and join in with some Easter activities and see your child sing. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to choose either

Wed 20th March (9:15am to 10:45am)

OR

Thurs 21st March (1:00pm to 2:30pm)



We would also like to invite you to come and decorate your child's Easter bonnet with them in school. School will provide the bonnets and decorations. We have the following sessions available for you to sign up to:

Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March– 8:45am to 9.30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm

We also have a later slot available on Wednesday 13th March until 5:00pm.

Don't worry if you can't attend any of these sessions, please let a staff member know and they will decorate a bonnet with your child during their usual nursery sessions.

## **Chocolate Tombola**

We will be holding a chocolate tombola on Wednesday 20th March to help raise funds for our summer party. You can buy tickets on the day from 7:45am to 9:15am. If there are any left we will continue to sell tickets at home time but please be aware they may go quickly! If you are able to donate any Easter eggs or chocolate, we would appreciate this. Please hand them in to the school office no later than Friday 15th March.



## **What are we learning this half-term?**

This half term we will be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter with the children. We are continuing our focus on the prime areas of learning.

### **Communication and Language**

- Learning new vocabulary
- Extending naming objects by using two or three words together
- Sharing stories and songs

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Sharing with our friends
- Trying new experiences
- Getting to know our friends names

### **Physical Development**

- Climbing the steps to the slide independently
- Developing our grip by manipulating toys
- Putting on and taking off our wellies



## **Who's Who in Twos**



Miss Bond– Key Worker



Mrs Richardson-Key Worker



Miss Johnson-Key Worker



Andrew– SEN Support



Linsey– SEN Support



Miss Naisbitt– SEN Support

### **Any concerns?**

We're always here to help you with any concerns that you may have. Even if we don't know the answer, we can always point you to someone who will be able to help.

**Concerned about your child's progress or worried about their development?** Mrs Hymers is our SENDCo and you can book an appointment to speak to her. Linsey Donaldson is extremely experienced in dealing with children with SEN and is happy to offer advice and answer any questions.

**Has your child said something that has made you worried? Are you unsafe at home?** For anything that worries you or your child you can come and see Mrs Hymers at any time. If she is not available you can also speak to Miss Bond, Mrs Phillips or Miss Franklin. They are all able to help you get the support you need and contact any agencies that need to know .

**Is school closed and you have a safeguarding concern about a child?** You can always phone First Contact on 03000 267 979 who will be able to help you.

### **Turning three!**



Some of our children will be having their third birthday soon. Staff will talk to you about them having visits in the older section of our room as well as whether you are happy with their current hours, or would like to change these are their funding changes.

Just a reminder that for our three year olds, they can either attend for 30 hours (5 days of 9am to 3pm), or for 15 hours (5 mornings of 9am to 12pm, 5 afternoons of 12pm to 3pm, or 2.5 days of Mon and Tues 9am to 3pm and a half day Wed 9am to 12pm).

### **Sensory Play Coffee Afternoon**

Everyone is welcome to Linsey's Sensory play coffee afternoon on Wednesday 27th March at 1pm! Younger siblings are also welcome to join in. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat with staff and watch your child play with some of our sensory resources.