

Lambs' visit



We were thrilled to take part in the 'Learning about Livestock' project again this year. We had a Ewe (named Snowdrop) and her twin boy lambs (named Chaz and Dave!) with us for a week. During this time every class made daily visits and had the opportunity to get into the pen, stroke and spend time with them. The teachers worked hard to plan lots of learning into the week linked to this and we know the children loved having them come to visit.



Marine Scientist visits to Year 2

Four marine scientists visited Year Two children this half term. The children learnt about their roles in understanding more about our oceans and how they use this knowledge to try to protect marine wildlife. We participated in different activities to begin to learn about the importance of caring for marine life and ecosystems. These activities included: sorting litter into recycling, general rubbish and food waste; exploring different climates of water and the impact this has upon the types of wildlife that live in them; and ageing fish by counting the number of rings in their ears!



Reception visit to St Elizabeth's Church



Last week, Reception visited St Elizabeth's church where they learned about the features of a church, created an Easter craft and were told the story of Easter and why Christians celebrate it.

Maths Monkey's Birthday



The children celebrated Maths Monkey's 9th birthday recently, with maths games, a monkey biscuit for lunch and a present of a new maths game for the class. We know how much the children enjoy taking Maths Monkey home. Maths Monkey aims to make learning maths fun and real, so do support your child, when it's their turn to take him home.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief this month. We raised £122. The children enjoyed red cookies for lunch and a talent show in the afternoon.



## Nursery Story Cafes



Nursery children enjoyed inviting mums/nannies/special adults to a Mother's Day Cafe recently. They shared a story 'Guess How Much I Love You', before decorating a plant pot. Each child planted sunflower seeds, and took them home to care for them. We are hoping they will share photographs of their growing sunflowers.

Conkers' children made their special adult a delicious cake which they decorated together during their cafe. The children loved sharing the experience with their special adult and were very excited to surprise them with a special handprint keepsake.



## Key Stage 1 Parent Learning Review Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents meet with their child's class teacher, to learn how their child is progressing, as well as tips to support them at home. I know class teachers have been contacting parents who couldn't come last week, to reschedule an appointment, as it is our aim that every parent gets the opportunity to have a learning review meeting this term. If you haven't been able to attend, please do see your child's class teacher.

## Key Stage 1 SATs

After Easter, Y2 children will be taking Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATs) in reading and maths. We will be inviting all Y2 parents to an information meeting on Thursday 20th April at 9am to share information about what they are and how we deliver them, so please save the date.

## Family information

Some families signed up to our **healthy packed lunch course** this spring and have reported how useful it has been and have been inspired to bake their own bread at home.



If you would like to attend a cooking session, there is one running at St Elizabeth's Cadge Road on Tuesday 4th April. This session includes taking home a free bag of food. NR5 are also having a free Family Fun Day on Thursday 13th April at the Cadge Road Community Centre from 10am-2pm. As well as free activities for the children, there will also be lots of information for parents

Clare Glaister FSW and Gloria Grey Inclusion Manager have been running our **Solihull Parenting course** on Tuesdays which has been well attended. Parents have said how useful it has been in helping them understand what can affect young children's behaviour and how, as adults, we can support them. If you would like to join our next course, please speak to Clare or Gloria.

Look out for a 'Create your own Story Sack' course for parents on 14th June. More information to follow.

## Attendance Matters



It's a parent's duty to ensure that their child/children of compulsory school age attends regularly. **Regular and punctual attendance is a LEGAL requirement.** Breakfast is available 8:40am - school registration 9am. Late arrival after registers close is unauthorised. If your child is going to be absent, call the school office ideally between 8-9am, please do not leave messages via class dojo. We cannot authorise term time holidays and these can result in a fixed penalty notice. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance we would ask you to contact the school. We are eager to support families in ensuring their children attend school every day, so that they receive the most from their learning. Everyone has a role in promoting good attendance.

## Safeguarding

During the holidays, it's likely that some children will spend time on screens. Our monthly online newsletters are a good source of information. Please remember to check that the devices your children use have parental controls set and that the games and films they are watching are suitable for their age. There is always lots of information about keeping children safe on the NSPCC website.



## Staff changes



We are saying goodbye to Mrs Levers Rowan Class Teaching Assistant and Mrs Sheriffs Nursery Admin Assistant at the end of term. We would like to thank them for all their hard work at WEINS and I am sure, like us, you will want to wish them well for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mr Warnes to Rowan as class TA. Mrs Niecierowicz, who some of you will know from Reception, has kindly agreed to support the office staff in the summer term.

**From the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April, Mrs Rodrigues** will be starting her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Rodrigues and her husband lots of happiness with the arrival of their new baby due this May. We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Campbell and Mrs Gemma will be sharing the role of Willow Class teacher from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## After school clubs



Year 1 & 2: Tuesday (Mini Olympics) & Wednesday (Multi-Sports) till 4:20pm – when clubs are taking place a sign-up sheet will be up at the school office if you wish your child to take part that day.



## Dates for calendar



**School/Nursery reopens on Monday 17th April (we know this is different from the junior school!)**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - Y2 SATs Information Meeting for parents**

**Monday 1st May School & Nursery CLOSED Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9:00am - Y1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting for parents**

**Monday 8th May School & Nursery CLOSED Coronation Bank Holiday**

**Please make sure your contact details are up to date.....**

