



It's the end of the first half term of 2022, how time flies when you are working with wonderful little people. Well this half term has seen Covid-19 enter the building but luckily it was short lived. The children loved trying new tastes at snack with cock-a-leekie soup proving more popular over scotch broth for burns night tasters and chinese noodles with sweetcorn was a clear winner over noodles with sweet and sour sauce with our chinese tasters! The children have developed new friendships and enjoyed the role play area this half term, the Chinese restaurant was a real hit and the unusual foods, crockery and equipment drew a great amount of interest and investigation as well as lots of communication and collaboration.

The children have enjoyed the range of books we have read together and I would say that the old ones were the most appreciated and listened to especially the 3 little pigs and the big bad wolf! The children enjoy the voice sounds, props and the actions more so than the pictures and words, there little faces are transfixed and their focus level is second to none during this style of storytelling.

We return to pre-school on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February and our theme this half term will be 'the great outdoors.'

Week 1: Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	plants and how they grow
Week 2: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	camping and celebrating Pancake Day
Week 3: Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	weather
Week 4: Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	outdoor clothing and St Patricks day activities
<b>PARENT'S EVENING IS THIS WEEK AND WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022.</b>	
Week 5: Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	learning about hazards when out and about
Week 6: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	springtime and what it brings

**MOTHER'S DAY CREAM TEAS ARE THIS WEEK AND WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 12PM.**

The Easter holidays start on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April after the session and we return to Pre-school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**PARENT'S EVENING:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 6pm-8pm. An appointment grid will be displayed on the garden back gate from the week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 where you can book your desired 15 minute time slot with your child's key worker. This appointment is a chance to discuss your child's development and their next steps for the summer term. We will have the Pre-school set up with toys and activities as well as a staff member on the floor at all times so if babysitters are not possible please bring the children down with you.

The children all have their very own scrapbooks which hold photographs, pictures, next steps and observations of what your child gets up to at Roxwell Pre-school. Your child's keyworker, your child and you create this keepsake of your child's time with us. Due to Covid-19

restrictions we have kept the books on site but we are finally going to hand you all your child's scrapbooks after your appointment to take home and have a look through together with your child. Please feel free to add to the content with pictures and photos from home and return the scrapbook to the Pre-school on the week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**MOTHER'S DAY CREAM TEAS:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 12pm-1pm. We want to celebrate all our mummies, nans and grandmas and feel it is time for us all to be together with tea and cake. All mummies, nan's and grandma's are invited to come along to Pre-school at 12pm to chat, meet each other and enjoy some cake before returning home for lunch. All goodies are supplied by us just bring yourselves along. Hope you can all make it, Hooray for the mummies!!!

**BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. We have another collection date and encourage you all to have a good old spring clean. Please bag up all your unwanted and outgrown clothes, bags, cuddly toys, shoes, and jewellery and drop off at the hall entrance at pick up and drop off times and we will store the bags in the hall loft until collection day. There is no need for special bags, recycling bags or black bin bags are acceptable.

Every bag counts towards the total amount of money we receive from the company and every bag contributes to new toys and equipment for the children. We hope to buy some microphones for the children as they love singing along to our cds.

**LUNCH BOXES:** Please ensure that the contents of your child's lunchboxes are safe and none of the contents pose as a choking hazard. Please read the attached advice from the food standards agency regards keeping your child safe from choking on a grape for example.

Have a great half term!