



## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

This past half term has been all about the outdoors and the children have thrived being out in the garden and out and about in our village. The children have learnt much about the risks and hazards when we are on our outdoor adventures and are becoming experts at spotting an electric fence and knowing that if they touch it, it will “zap” you! Standing very still with their hands at their sides if a dog approaches them is becoming instinctive to them too. The children have all gained understanding and awareness of road safety and stranger danger as part of keeping safe when out and about in our village. Many of our little ones are able to put on their wellies and coats or at the very least give it a go. The children have been busy planting bulbs in our spring garden with Grandma Jeannie and learnt about an assortment of musical instruments as well as investigating their changing sounds and tempo with Grandma Anne, both these regular visitors bring lots of new learning opportunities to the children as well as providing them all with the “awe and wonder” factors which are created when making music and seeing for themselves the growing process.

Our Mother’s Day cream tea celebrations proved to be a hit with our mummies/nannies and it turned in to a very sociable event as well as creating an opportunity for many of our little ones to enjoy some cake with their mums at the big tables and before their lunch!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!!!!**

We will return to pre-school on TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 for a 6 week half term.

There is no Pre-school on MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2022 as we have a BANK HOLIDAY.

We break up for the June half term break on FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 after the session and return to pre-school on THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 for a 7 week half term.

Our FATHER’S DAY PICNIC will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 from 11am-1pm in the pre-school garden and all daddies/grandpa’s and families are invited to this celebration. Please bring your picnic and your families and there will be tea/coffee and cakes provided by the pre-school for afters.

Our last day of pre-school is THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022 and we will be holding our annual SPORTS DAY at 11am. All parents/carers and family are invited to attend this event and cheer their children on. There will be no afternoon session on this day and pre-school will finish at 12pm after the sports day races.

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022 will be our Leaver’s Day celebrations. All children leaving us for Big School are invited to this special celebration. All Leavers should be dropped off at Pre-school at 9am and we ask that all parents/carers and family return at 12 noon to be part of the leaver’s presentation.

**Our Sponsored Bunny Bounce Fundraiser:**

We will be holding our annual sponsored bunny bounce on the first week back after the Easter break. Attached to this email is the Bunny bounce sponsorship form which you can print off. We ask you all to collect as many sponsors over the Easter break through friends, family and work

colleagues as well as their donations/sponsorship money. All children will be bouncing on a session they attend on the first week back and a certificate will be presented to them with the amount of bounces they achieved and sent home with them. All monies and sponsorship forms must be returned to pre-school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April and we will announce the winner of the most bounces and the winner of the most amount of money raised. We hope to buy a couple of big bikes with stabilisers for the children and a new water tray with water toys with the money we raise.

Our Theme for the first half term: ANIMALS in NATURE

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| Week 1: Badgers    | Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022  |
| Week 2: Foxes      | Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022   |
| Week 3: Squirrels  | Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday, no pre-school. Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 |
| Week 4: Minibeasts | Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022  |
| Week 5: Birds      | Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022   |
| Week 6: Fish       | Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.  |

Our Theme for the second half term is: PETS

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| Week 1: Dogs      | Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022  |
| Week 2: Cats      | Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022   |
| Week 3: Chickens  | Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022   |
| Week 4: Rabbits   | Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022   |
| Week 5: Horses    | Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022   |
| Week 6: Tortoises | Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022   |
| Week 7: Lizards   | Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022, Sports Day, finish at 12 noon and Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022, School Leavers celebrations. |

COVID- 19 update:

### **DfE shares guidance on 'living with Covid' plans for early years settings**

The government has shared guidance specific to education and childcare after setting out its plans for 'living with Covid', which came into effect on 1 April 2022.

Guidance specific to education and childcare that settings should now refer to includes:

- [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) health protection in education and childcare settings](#)
- [DfE emergency planning and response](#)

### **New isolation guidance for children**

The new guidance on respiratory infections, including COVID-19, ([Chapter 3: public health](#))

[management of specific infectious diseases](#)) states:

*"If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.*

*Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal."*

*We will follow this new isolation guidance at Roxwell Pre-school.*

New and updated UKHSA guidance for the general population, which will also be relevant to education and childcare settings, includes:

- [guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [ventilation of indoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk](#)

#### **DfE webinar**

The DfE has also shared a [webinar](#) giving an overview from DfE and UKHSA officials on the changes that come into effect from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, and what this means in practice for education, childcare and children's social care settings. Please have a listen to this and have a look at the above links as these are the procedures and practices we will be following at Roxwell Pre-school.



