February Newsletter

Birthdays & Special Dates

Darcie-Rai (3) – 1st Feb
Thea (3) – 2nd
Vienna (3) – 4th
Ember (4) – 5th
Leo (3) – 12th
Maisie (4) – 1st Mar

HALF TERM WEEK 17th-21st

Chinese New Year 29th Jan



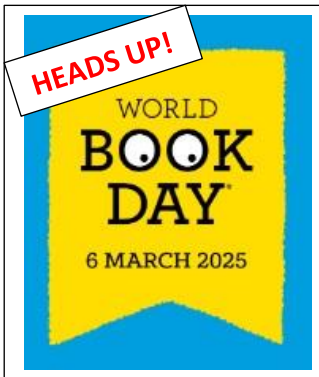
World Pizza Day! 9th Feb
Valentine's Day 14th Feb

Random Acts of Kindness Day 17th Feb
St David's Day 1st Mar
Shrove Tuesday 4th Mar
World Book Day 6th Mar

Our Theme for February is



We will be exploring feelings and emotions and how we can help children identify and communicate their own as well as understanding how others may be feeling and what we can do to help.



We need no excuse to Dress Up!

The children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite story character on World Book Day on Thursday 6 March.



OUTSIDE PLAYING

Children love exploring the outside area and it's an important part of our curriculum. We will also be looking at doing some planting and growing soon. Please make sure they bring a coat and suitable footwear in every day that you don't mind getting a little bit muddy!





Having A Go…

We would just like to say how well all the children are doing with their 'have a go' attitude. It's not about what they can or can't do by themselves but having a try. We will continue to encourage them to have a go at putting on own clothing, especially coats and shoes/wellies, finding their own name and hanging their coats up, using pens and pencils with tripod grip and taking care of their own needs. Our younger ones that are beginning to use the toilet are doing very well and we have been very impressed with our 'Sunbeams' team spirit with sharing, taking turns and helping each other. Please encourage them to have a go at home too, it may take a couple of extra minutes in the day but to see a child's face when they accomplish putting on their own shoes or coat is so worth it.

And don't forget if they do something that makes you feel proud, please let us know so we can chat to them about it too.



A Big Sunshine Hello!

We welcome Donna to the Sunshine Team. Donna comes with a wealth of knowledge and more importantly bundles of enthusiasm and is looking forward to coming back into childcare having previously worked in various roles including as a childminder and within a primary and pre-school setting.

She is settling in well and already a 'big hit' with all the children.

I'm sure over the next few weeks you will get to know her too!

A Little Polite Reminder……



If you drop off or pick up your child by car, please drive SLOWLY into our carpark and ensure you SWITCH OFF the engine. It isn't nice for other children, adults or the team to breathe in and we all need to do our bit to help save our planet too. Can we also remind you to keep your child with you at pick up and drop off times and that they do not run around in the car park as there are other users that use it as a way to and from the allotments.

Thank you.



Passwords & Collections

Please can we ask that if somebody other than the usual person is collecting your child that you have let a member of the team know either at drop off or via WhatsApp/email (along with a photo is also helpful for us) and that you make sure you have given them the password.



We will put a bag of found clothes by the front door please have a look through and take if there is anything of your child's in there.

Now is the time that we begin to think about School Readiness for our school leavers this September.



At Sunshine we will be starting to encourage focused activities for short periods of time. We will be talking about schools in small groups and what they think it may be like. Emma has some great ideas on how to introduce those initial phonic sounds for 'Rising Reception' children. Of course, as always we will continue to encourage all our children to have a go at everything, especially being independent, looking after their own things, asking questions, self-care including going to the toilet by themselves, wiping own nose and washing hands.

It will really help them if you can also do this at home. There is some great sites online on how you can help your child be 'School Ready'. We recommend taking a look at the BBC Tiny Happy People the following link has some useful information on https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zxpc8p3