March Newsletter



Birthdays & Special Dates

Maisie (4) 1st March
Ellsie (3) 3rd March
Hudson (4) 11th March
Olivia (3) 16th March
Donna (52) 16th March
Noah (3) 17th March
Tori (39) 31st March
St David's Day 1st March
Shrove Tuesday 4th March
World Book Day 6th March
St Patrick's Day 17th March
Comic Relief 21st March
Mothering Sunday 30th March
British Summer Time Begins
(Clocks go forward 1 hour)
30th March





Sunshine Library

It's been lovely hearing how the children are enjoying the books they're taking home in their bookbags. Please remember the key to a child's development with literacy and more importantly; communication and language is repetition. That's how they learn language and vocabulary. Did you know a child needs to hear a word at least 12 times and later on see a word at least 15 times to remember it. If we think about our favourite stories the majority of them are from our childhood. They were probably stories we were read to many times and it's the memories of having that special one-to-one time with our family whether it was with parents, grandparents or older siblings. So as well as re-reading the story it's also a perfect opportunity to look at the book, ask questions about what your child sees in the pictures or see if they can recall the story or what they think might happen next. This gives them a head start for when they move onto 'big' school and helps their learning. We will change their books every couple weeks the same time as we update their All About Me Books.

This Month's Theme is STORIES

We will be looking at our favourite stories and fairytales.

Your child is welcome to bring in a book they would like to share at storytime (please make sure their name is inside it).

WORLD BOOK DAY
THURS 6th MARCH

Children in on that day are welcome to come in dressed up as their favourite character if they want to.








Funding Options – Please remember to apply for extended funding codes before March 31st for eligibility from 1st April

There is a wide range of funding options to help with childcare costs which we can help you with. We accept 2, 3 & 4yr funding which provides 11hrs per week of funded care and education. If you are a working parent or receive government support you will be eligible to apply for 2yr funding or extended funding for 3 & 4yr olds which provides an additional 11hrs, up to 22hrs per week funded.

To apply for both types of funding please go to https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

For those already claiming funding please ensure you have reconfirmed your code to continue receiving it for the summer term.

COMIC RELIEF….RED NOSE DAY!

As you know we love a dress up day at Sunshine so Friday 21st March the children are welcome to come dressed in whatever they like. They can come as a Superhero, Princess, Pirate, Little Monster, Spotty or Stripey or with just Mad Hair……whatever they want, Sunshine will then make a donation to Comic Relief.





SPARE CLOTHES

Please can you make sure that your child brings in a bag with spare clothes in as not only are our little ones doing well with toileting bar a couple of accidents whilst they're learning but we are having so much fun outdoors (even in the rain!) and we are hoping to start our planting and growing in the garden with ALL the children and it would be a shame if they couldn't take part because we don't want them to have to stay in wet or muddy clothes all day. It also helps having a bag so they can put all their 'works of art' to bring home! Thank you















What's on in & around Exmouth…

- World of Country Life is opening back up for the season on Friday 14th March.
- Crealy have announced they are having some Easter fun between 14th – 21st April. (More details coming soon.)
- Join in on the new Stickman trail at Haldon Forest.
- The Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth have a new fun-filled trail activity. Search high and low, follow the clues, and discover hidden surprises along the way. Open until 31st March 2025.
- Family fun day at Exeter Race Course. A carnival-themed Family Raceday offers a fantastic day out, with free children's entertainment including garden games, crazy golf, and fun fair stalls. Under 18s go FREE on 23rd March 2025.



To all our lovely Mummies & Nannies we hope you have a lovely Mother's Day. All of our little Sunshiner's are going to be busy over the next few weeks getting creative with some surprises for you.