

Parents Newsletter

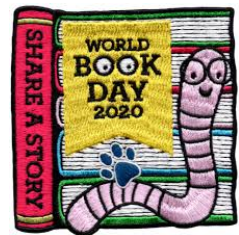
Spring Term 2



Asalam Alaikum / Peace be upon you all,

World Book Day

A study published in 2019 that involved taking MRI images of children's brains showed that taking away screens and reading to young children can boost brain development. The MRI images indicated an increase in organised white matter that is involved in developing language and ability to learn. To help promote this, we will give every child a book token which they can exchange for a book at local book stores. To instil a love of reading and to make it exciting for our children we wanted to encourage the children to dress up as a nursery rhyme character (Rhyme can be from any culture and language) on World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020. If you would like ideas or support in how to be creative and make your own costume, please speak to a staff member for ideas.



Staff Changes

We would like to inform you all that Aunty Naseema will be taking Maternity leave at the end of this term and that Aunties Tasleem and Hamida (Job share) will be covering for her in her absence.

We were saddened to see Aunty Rachel leave at the end of the last term, but are happy to welcome Aunty Leeya to the setting who has taken her position as room leader. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Leeya (Toddler Room leader) or Saeeda. We would like to wish all the best to our staff that have left and welcome our new members to the Happy Children family.

Forest School

We would like to thank and congratulate Aunty Alina who has recently achieved a qualification in Level 3 Forest School. In the coming terms we are hoping to run regular sessions at the local forest. Due to the number of children we have it will not be possible to take all the children in one go, so we aim to run termly sessions with a different group at a time. Thus, by the end of a year all children would have had at least one half term of Forest School activities. You will be contacted prior to your child's session for permission and information. In the time being if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the nursery manager.



Parent Practitioner Partnership

Our 'Parent Practitioner Association' was initiated to offer parents an opportunity to meet with nursery staff over tea and cake to discuss and make suggestions on how to shape the future of the nursery. In the past, with the help of the parents, we have organised family fun days, Eid parties, EyLog and EasyPeasy training and workshops on preparing healthy packed lunches. The next PPA will be Thursday 30th April 9am. Auntie Leeya will also be attending this to offer the Toddler room parents an opportunity to meet her. If there is anything in particular you would like to have on the agenda please post your suggestions in the comments box (situated on the shelf next to the nursery office) or speak to the nursery manager (Saeeda) by 17th March.

Stay and Play

We always value your feedback and suggestions. Acting upon feedback received from the Parent's Evaluation Forms, we are considering launching stay and play sessions to continue to build on our nursery-parental partnership. These sessions would be an opportunity for you and your child to come and spend some relaxed time together and play!

To help us finalise our decision and potentially plan and organise these sessions, we would appreciate if you can fill in the provided questionnaire.

If you have any questions regarding this, please ask us.



Children's Spare Clothing Request and Reminder



In the nursery we encourage children to explore outdoor activities/messy play so please don't send your child in their best clothes and always make sure to pack at least one set of spare clothes regularly with your child at all times in case.



If you have any **unwanted clothes** (trousers, socks, shoes and wellies) at home we would be very grateful for **donations** to keep a good stock of spare clothes within the nursery

Increased fee

Due to national changes in legislation, our running costs have increased. Whilst we will shoulder some of these costs, we will also have to unfortunately increase our fees from September 2020 by £1:

Toddler room from £35 to £36

Pre-school from £34 to £35

Snack Charges

If your child attends nursery with a free place through funding from the council, we would like to remind you that there is a **60p per day charge for snacks**.



Healthy packed lunches



We are committed to promoting healthy foods and eating habits that ensure healthy growth and development of children. We appreciate that all parents pack a **healthy nutritious lunch box**.

We ask that you do not pack chocolate, crisps, cakes or sweets. If you would like to pack a treat every now and again, why not try an oat based biscuit or cake such as flapjack as this releases energy more slowly.

We also would like to inform you we have a child who has a nut allergy and request parents not to put **any nuts or nut products** in their child's packed lunch.

No Nuts



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Dates for your Diary



World Book Week- 5th March 2020

Nursery Closed for Easter Break- 6th April- reopens 21st April 2020

Nursery closed Monday 20th April 2020 (Staff training day)

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you ever have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to talk to us.

From all the staff at Happy Children Nursery