

# Parents Newsletter

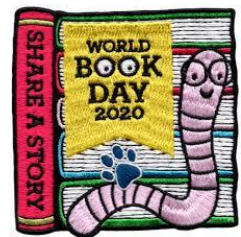
Spring Term 2



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 character from a story in the Quran on World Book Day on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**. 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. Tokens for books will be given to all children not just on Thursday.



## Parent Practitioner Association

Reminder the next PPA will be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9am. Tasleem and Saeeda will also be attending this to offer the parents an opportunity meet the leadership team and discuss any issues. 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 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## Stay and Play

We always value your feedback and suggestions. Acting upon feedback received from the Parent's Evaluation Forms last year, we are considering launching stay and play sessions to build and further strengthen our nursery-parental partnership. These sessions would be an opportunity for you to come and spend some time with your child in our learning environment!. Due to the limited space within the nursery we are only able to offer certain time slots, to ensure you get to attend please confirm slot you would like as soon as possible. Stay and play sessions will commence week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**Toddler at 10.30am till 11.30am Monday till Thursday.**

**Pre-school at 1pm till 2pm Monday till Thursday.**

We are only able to accommodate 5 parents for each session. If you come after the session has started forgive us but you will not be allowed to join the session as this cause disruption for everyone.

### Arabic Madrassa

The nursery has an Arabic Madrassa for children aged 4 years. Teaching takes place over 2 days, with a choice of a Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30pm-6.30pm. If you would like a space for your child or know of other parents who would be interested, for more information please e-mail: arabicmadrassa@happychildrennursery.com

### 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 January 2022 by £2:

**Toddler room from £36.50 to £38.50**

**Pre-school from £35.50 to £37.50**

Please note there will be a further increase in September of £2.

### 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**. Also when pack grapes for your child can you please cut them in half as grapes can be a choking hazard.



### **Dates for your Diary**



**World Book Week- 3rd March 2022**

**Play & Stay session week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Parents Practitioners Association 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**Nursery closed for April term 9<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

**Bank Holiday closure Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Eid al-Fitr closure Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Subject to change due to moon sighting)**

**May half term closure 29<sup>th</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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