

# SPRING NEWLETTER 2019

**W**elcome back to all, & a very warm welcome to all our new parents & children, we hope your child is settling in very well into their new room!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic break! This term will be another very busy term for the First Step children. Our theme throughout the nursery is 'new life cycle'. We will be looking at the life cycle of animals & plants! The clever Caterpillars will be using the book 'the little red hen'. The little ladybirds & baby butterflies will be using 'The very hungry Caterpillar'.

Can we advise preschool parents of the following; when learning phonics at home with your child can you ensure you are helping them with the sounds of letter rather than concentrating on what the letter is. If you have any questions or are unsure of how to do this please speak to a preschool staff member

## TAPESTRY

Can we please remind all parents to activate their tapestry accounts. If your activation link has expired please inform a member of staff.

Once you receive a new link it is important that you activate it within 24hours or it will expire again.

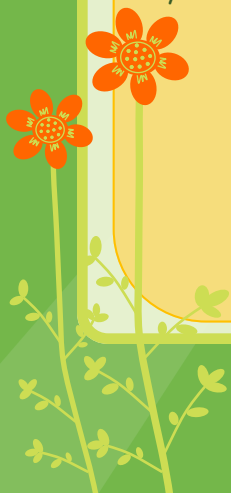
Tapestry is a really useful tool for you to be able to track your child's development.

You are able to view what your child has been doing whilst in nursery & also gives you a chance to upload content for staff to see what your child has been doing at home

## OUTDOORS

You may have noticed that we have disposed of our old sand area in the main garden! We love the new open space this has created, the children love it just as much! The new space allows children to freely access the woodland area at the back of the garden, great timing as the weather seems to be more pleasant! We will be getting new resources for outdoors which will enable children to expand their learning through play

The children love to explore outdoors & when we have nice weather they will be outside as much as possible! Can we remind parents to always bring appropriate clothing & where possible to bring spare clothing



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 17th march 2019  
**St Patrick's day**  
Sunday 31st March  
**Mothers day**  
Friday 19th April  
**Good Friday**  
Sunday 21st April  
**Easter Sunday**  
Monday 22nd April  
**Easter Monday**

Easter half term dates: we break up for term time children on Friday 12th April 2019 and we re-open Monday 29th April 2019

For our all year round children nursery will be open as normal. If you would like to book your child in for holiday club please speak to a member of staff

## PAYMENTS

We would like to thank you all for your support in moving towards a cashless system. If you are yet to set up a standing order or need any further help please speak to a member of staff

## STAFFING

This term we said a very warm welcome to some new staff:

**Salma** has joined us as a flexible practitioner. At the moment she is working in the preschool room. Salma has vast experience in childcare & has a great passion for working alongside children! Salma is currently finishing off her studies

**Laura** has joined our team as the new admin/finance person. Laura will be based in the office but will also work alongside the children as & when required. Laura has previous experience of working in a nursery setting

**Saima** has joined our team as the new cleaning person. Saima is with us for a few hours each day

We also currently have **Lindsey**, a specialist leader in Early Years education, working alongside preschool at the moment. Lindsey is helping staff to get the children ready for when they make the transition to mainstream school. She is doing this by focussing on the resources in the room, concentrating on implementing literacy & maths in the different areas of play

## CAR PARK

A polite reminder for parents. The yellow hatched nursery bays are for parents who are dropping/picking up their child. Can you ensure you park correctly in the bay. Please be mindful and do not block in any other cars as this may cause inconvenience for other parents