

# NEWSLETTER

15TH APRIL TO 24TH MAY 2024 | TERM 5



We enjoyed a visit from Emily from Zoolab in March, she talked to the children about Springtime and brought a selection of animals with her including a tarantula, a millipede, a giant African snail and a frog. The children had the chance to touch or hold the animals and sat and listened to Emily for nearly an hour!

Myself and Mrs Jones went to receive our donation from Kim at Keynsham Tesco for the proceeds from the February book sale. We were thrilled to receive £495 which we will be spending on some new toys and equipment for the children.



## Lunchtime.

Please can you put a small plate in your child's lunch box and please try to keep your child's lunch as healthy as possible, we do not allow sweets or solid chocolate bars in their lunch boxes. Lunch boxes are kept in the fridge during the morning to ensure they remain fresh until lunchtime.

**We also have some children with severe food allergies attending pre school at the moment so we cannot allow any children to have eggs or nuts in their lunchboxes at the moment. Thank you for your cooperation with this.**

## Important information.

- It is very important that we keep our records up to date so please let us know if you change your address or telephone number (including mobile number). Also ensure your mobile is switched on just in case we need to get in touch.
- Each child needs a change of indoor shoes, an individual towel, a complete change of clothes and a water bottle (filled with water only). Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named.
- If you wish to purchase a pre-school T-shirt, sweatshirt or towel please see a member of staff.
- **Please note that mobile phones are not permitted to be used at pre-school, please do not use them when you drop off or pick up from the setting as this is a safeguarding concern especially now parents/carers are coming into the building more.**



Matt from Switch Rugby will be coming in on Wednesday mornings this term to take a rugby based class with the children giving them a chance to play games and learn new skills through physical activities.



We are also really pleased to welcome back Shelley from Talking Tots on Tuesday afternoons, she will be working with a small group of children to help them to develop their attention and listening skills through fun games and activities.



Sadly Mrs Gray will be leaving us in early May. We wish her lots of luck in the future and I would like to thank her for all her hard work during her time at Queens Road Pre School. I will let you know when a replacement has been found.

**Kate Sheppard, Pre-School Manager**



## TERM DATES - 2024

TERM 5 : Mon 15th April to Fri 24th May

TERM 6: Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July



## TOPICS FOR THIS TERM

Our topics for Term 5 will include Knights and Princesses, Shapes and Colours and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have some caterpillars being delivered which we hope the children will enjoy watching how they grow and develop this term. To go alongside our topics, we have a colour and number of the week and a letter sound for each term. The information about these can be found on the noticeboard in the entrance to the building.

Our sound we will be focussing on is "i", we introduce this with our song "Inky the Mouse" sung to the tune of "Hickory Dickory Dock"

**Inky the mouse is my pet  
She spilled the ink and got wet  
The ink it spread all over the desk  
/i/ /i/ /i/ /i/ - inkys' wet**



Action - pretend to be a mouse by wiggling your fingers at the end of your nose, like whiskers and squeak  
"/i/ /i/ /i/ /i/"



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - Concept Photography

Monday 24th June - Weston Trip

More details to follow.