Preschool - York Road Nursery and Yorkies

Newsletter

19th January 2023

We will be learning about Chinese New year at the end of this month - It is the year of the Rabbit!

The children are having lots of fun making dragons.

Diary Dates

3rd Feb	Open Evening 4.00-5.30pm
13th - 17th Feb	Half Term

Message from the Headteacher:

Hello all, as from now, I will not be working on Fridays. Ruth Cotterill, one of our Lead Teachers will lead the school each Friday and Charlotte Armstrong, Yorkies Lead Practitioner will lead Yorkies. I will of course be available in any emergency or when Ofsted call! The Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to support Ruth & Charlotte also. This is to enable me to give more time to my own family. *Diane Frainer.*

Foodbank at York Road

Our food bank is now open, please feel free to donate any dried, unopened goods, but most importantly to take when you need. Lets look after one another.

You can find this next to the 'library book drawers' out by the main door of the school. Please do use if you need to.

This week we have been welcoming our new Preschool families to the setting. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks. On the 25th January we are having a 'bring a spoon to school' activity. This can be any type of spoon. The aim is to encourage communication through discussion around the spoons and their features. It would be great if all of the children could bring a spoon in.

Phonics Corner

How many things can your child find in the house that begins with p?

pencil

Safeguarding:

Please note that if we do not have contact regarding your child's absence we will telephone you, if we have to telephone you, please be mindful that staff are carrying out their duty of care.

For on the day absences eg; illness please always telephone the school office and speak to a member of staff to inform them of the circumstances, or leave a message on the answer phone.

PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL ANY ABSENCE INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL.

This is not always picked up and you will then receive a call.

Math's corner

Look for and identify shapes in the house or outside, e.g a clock as a circle, door as a rectangle.

General

Voluntary School Fund

We would be very grateful (if you are able to), to donate £10.00 each half term towards extra bits we pay for such as art resources, cooking ingredients, etc. Please pay via our Arbor app.

Threadworm

We have a case of threadworm in the school, please ensure your child washes hands thoroughly, and talk to them about hygiene.

Parking

Please let us be considerate of our neighbours, we have been informed parents have been blocking driveways and using peoples driveways. This is causing concern.

Bring a Spoon day

'Bring a spoon to school day'

Hello as part of improving our Communication and Language skills we are going to have a "Bring a spoon to school day" on the 25th January. The spoon can be any type ladel, slotted, metal, wood, silver, enormous, child's spoon, anything at all. We are trying to improve the children's ability to compare, sort, use new words to describe the spoons and much more. Please write your child's name on your spoons so they can be matched back up at the end of the day.

Our MyHappyMind book this term is 'Arabella and her friends at the seaside'. The story talks about Arabella being pleased her friends came to play and saying, 'Thank you 'to her parents.

We will be talking to the children about kind actions and showing appreciations to others. You can support your child by talking to them daily about the good things that have happened and who you have said 'Thank you' to and why. It does not have to be huge things—it can be simple as - 'seeing the birds', 'sleeping well' and saying thank you for a 'smile' someone gave you.

Sharing 'grateful' is a positive activity for families to do. If you write your 'gratefuls' down and save in a box, they will always be there for you to read and share if you have difficult days.