

# Preschool - York Road Nursery and Yorkies



# Newsletter

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### **Yorkies Full**

As of this week Yorkies is now full in all Term time sessions both the breakfast club sessions and after school sessions. The extra booking facility for these sessions will no longer be able to be booked on Magic bookings as we are now full for the rest of this term and next term.



#### **Diary Dates**

19th - 23rd Feb Half Term Mon 26th Feb Inset Day

School Closed Yorkies Open

27th Feb Back to School



Pre-School have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week. We have made colourful lanterns, and the children have had the opportunity to try prawn crackers which they really enjoyed. Shrove Tuesday has also been celebrated with the children tasting pancakes with tasty toppings. Have an enjoyable half term week with us back on Tuesday

## Chinese New year celebrations

This week has been so very exciting around York Road. We started with a much anticipated celebration for Chinese New Year. Ruth hosted a wonderful assembly all about why people celebrate New Year at this time and what it means when people say its the year of the Dragon! After assembly we then finally got to share our class Chinese Dragons in our very own parade. The children have spent the last week designing and creating masterpieces and the level of creativity was sensational, we then got to taste Prawn Crackers and had different themed rooms for example writing our names and numbers in Chinese writing, fine motor skills with chopsticks and of course dancing and drumming along to Chinese music.

Although Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) we are going to be cooking and learning all about the importance of the day to Christians and of course we'll be doing both fluffy North American and non fluffy pancakes to compare on Friday.

We have been all about sending messages of love and good wishes to our friends and family as we paid a nod to Valentines Day as part of our 5 before 5 of sending messages to our friends. This is of course all on top of all the other amazing things we do every week. Your children should have an enormous amount of things to talk about next week at home.

Wishing you a wonderful, restful week.
Melissa and The York
Road Team



#### **Arbor Payments**

We do appreciate a regular half termly contribution of £10.00. Payment can be made under 'Voluntary contributions'.



Let us all please think about safety when we enter the York Road premises and leave. The gates are often left open, please be mind full of children running on ahead.

## Foodbank at York Road

Our food bank is 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.







### **Maths Corner**

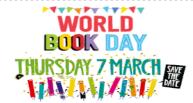
This week we've been folding paper and cutting card into sheets to make Valentines etc. Fold a piece of paper/newspaper etc then practice your cutting skills at home and see how many 2d shapes you can make. Take a picture of them and then upload them to Tapestry. Please remember its ok to not perfectly cut them out. Its better to let your child just show you what they can do first.



The snail diary for weekend and holiday stays is now full. Thank you all for signing up. The snails will be in your child's classroom ready for collection on the weekend you have signed up for.

We are enjoying sharing with the children what the snails have been doing at the weekends - It seems like they are being well cared for by those of you that are taking them home. Thank you





World book day is approaching. Please can your child bring in their favourite book (pencil their name in it) and if they wish. They can dress up in their favourite book character. We will be sharing our books, parading with our books and costumes, and having lots of book related fun!

Just a reminder that children should not come to school in or have fancy dress costumes in their bags (with the exception of World book day). We encourage at this time of the year that all stuffed animals and home toys are left at home as well.

Please also check that your child's coat, water bottles and bags are labelled with their names.

With Spring approaching we'll be talking to the children about the changes in out garden, outdoor areas, parks and woods. One of our '5 before5' is 'we can eat what we grow', so it will soon be time to start sowing seeds in our planters to grow our own food. Do you grow anything in your garden? Or do you have an indoor garden on your windowsill? We'd love to hear about it or even see pictures that you can post on Tapestry.

