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York Road Nursery School & Pre-School is looking for new Governors to join a strong, established Governing Body. We want to build on the success of our July 2023 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection and continue to develop and make changes for the benefit of the children and their families.

Commitment includes 4 formal governing body meetings a year, 1 visit to the school per term and email communication in-between.

This is an opportunity to help shape education, we are all responsible for this and to support our future generations! If you are interested in finding out more, please email the Head, Diane Frainer at [head@yorkroad.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@yorkroad.herts.sch.uk)

## Diary Dates

Thurs 28th Mar Last day of term

Fri 29th Mar - 15th April Easter break

Tues 16th April Back to school



The children have had lots of fun creating their Mother's Day gifts this week using their mark making skills to great effect. Our two new starters, are settling in well into the Pre-School and are enjoying all of the activities on offer. It has been lovely to see the more established children welcoming them into the setting. A reminder that next week are the parent consultations.



## Parent Consultations Thursday 14th March

If you have not already signed up, please do so. Your child's keyworker has a sign up sheet.



The children came in with some amazing costumes and their favourite books. It was a joy listening to them talking about their favourite books. We were particularly impressed with costumes made from scratch. Everyone made so much effort.



## Sign of the week



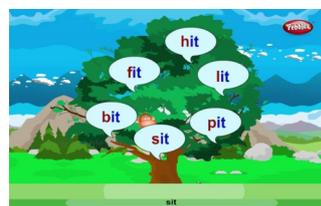
Happy

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to

[March Digital Book Club - Scholastic Shop](#)

to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. **Please place your order online by March 29th 2024.** This also includes free shipping before this date.

## Phonics



Rhyming challenge:  
what rhymes  
with red, cat, fog...?

We will be having 'Living eggs' come to the nursery on Monday 11th March. We are all very 'eggcited' it is a company we have used for many years with great success. They deliver 10 eggs to us in a incubator that will start hatching after two days. The chicks are transferred into a brooding container and the children have the opportunity to handle them from the 18th March. The eggs/chicks will be in Squirrels room but ALL children will have access to them throughout their time with us. If you have concerns due to your child having allergies PLEASE speak to your child's class teacher. We will be sending out regular updates on tapestry for you to see. Please let us know what your child is telling you about the experience.



..Sadly all the baby Giant African Land Snails we had hatch did not survive. We were all very sad about this. However to avoid too much disappointment with your children we were able to source 2 slightly larger Giant African Land Snails which are happily settling in. They are looking forward to their weekend sleepovers with those of you that have signed up to have them. Speaking to a snail expert we were told that cucumber has no nutritional value for the snails, so we are now feeding them cabbage, lettuce (not iceberg variety) courgettes etc, If you have any spare vegetables please send them in for the snails - they will appreciate tasting different types of vegetables.



### Friday 15th March

We will be supporting the charity Comic Relief on this day and invite children to wear something red. If you wish to donate you can click on the link below.

[Donate | Comic Relief](#)



### GENERAL

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> for one week, we are inviting all children, parents/cares to take part in The Green Peace Big Plastic count. Please read the attached letter. There will be a tally sheet coming home to record all the plastic things you throw away in a week. Return the tally sheet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and we will send the results to Greenpeace. The plan is to ask the Government to help people/companies reduce plastic use and improve recycling in Britain.

25<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a "wood" event. We are having visitors demonstrating wood work and wood crafts, we will be doing lots of things with sticks, building dens and we will be planting an oak tree in the garden.

Easter fun will be happening at the end of term. Please start sending in foil wrapped chocolate eggs for our egg hunt on the last day **STRICTLY NO NUTS.**

Please send in appropriate eggs if your child has an allergy. These can be handed to your child's keyworker. Thank you!

