



23/02/2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you have settled in well since the start of the Spring Term... it is going so quickly and we have enjoyed getting to know our new families and catch up with our existing families!

### *Harwich Connexions Update*

We are delighted to know that your child/ren will continue with Ashleigh staying as manager and the current team under the new childcare provider from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Oaklea will have a new name, 'the Windmill nursery' from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

### *Dates for your Diary*

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be celebrating **World Book Week** and invite children to dress up as book characters. Perhaps you would like to share a story with your child and upload it for us all to see on Parentzone?

**Cake & Craft:** Stay and play – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. 10-11:30am. We would love to invite in our parents/carers for a fun morning of decorating cakes and getting crafty.

**Red nose day:** 15<sup>th</sup> March- We will be having a fun filled day full of red nose day activities. Feel free to wear something red!

**Ducks:** 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March- We have some very exciting visitors coming. Our ducklings should be hatching around the 20<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to experience the life cycle of a duck, what a fantastic learning experience! If any parents would like to visit our ducklings, please let us know and we will book a date and time.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Easter weekend, nursery closed for all children

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Half term

### *School Applications*

School leavers will soon hear back about what school your child has got into (16<sup>th</sup> April 2024) – please inform us of what school your child will be moving to in September 2024. Your child's key person will catch up with you shortly about this and discuss with you, regarding their transition to school.

### *Refrain from using mobile devices whilst dropping off / collecting children.*

Parents and visitors are kindly asked to **refrain from using their mobile phones** when collecting or dropping off their children. If you are found to be using your phone inside the nursery premises you will be asked to finish the call or take the call outside. The welfare, protection, and safety of every child in our care is of paramount importance, we take our responsibility to safeguard children seriously. We have procedures in place which we as everyone to respect and to help promote the safety of the children in our care.

### **Illness**

Please can we remind all parents to adhere to the following guidelines if your child is poorly (please see notice board for the up-to-date public health guidance). For sickness/diarrhoea children cannot attend until 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please note, **we cannot issue unprescribed medication**. Additionally, we continue our policy of No Calpol, to reduce the risk of spreading illness – if your child is unwell, please keep them at home where they can rest and recuperate so they can return quickly to explore with their friends and teachers.

### **Parentzone**

Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. So, if outside of nursery your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using the potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity, please upload a photo to us via the Parentzone app. By doing this your child's key person is then able to add this to your child's learning journey and use this as an interest for them to achieve and enhance their learning here at Oaklea.

***EYFS – it is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.***

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