



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break with your families and we cannot believe it is the final term! Where did the time go? We have lots of exciting learning ready for our little ones this term as we get them ready to move up to 'big school'.

### Nursery News

- We are very excited to be going on a trip to Imagine That in Liverpool this term. We sent letters out to gauge interest last half term and the final date for these to be in is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Once we know the number of children who want to come, we can then work out the actual cost of the trip for parents.

### Reading

It is really important to show your children the importance of reading from such an early age, even if they cannot read yet. Enjoy 1:1 time with your child reading each night before bedtime or during the day. Teach your child how to hold a book and look after them and enjoy playing games with story (before reading guess the characters that might be inside, what might the story be about? Will it be funny? Scary?) It is really important at this early stage to read and look at a book more than once. You could ask your child to pretend to read part of the book in their own words or make up a new story. Take turns reading or looking at parts of the book together, predict what might happen next or create new endings together. Create silly voices for different characters. Allow your child to hear you reading stories and other books to them to model fluency, expression and develop a love for reading.

### Your child's teachers and helpers

Mrs Johnson (Mon, Tues, Wed) Class Teacher  
Mrs Mayers (Wed, Thur, Fri) Class Teacher  
Mrs McVey (Mon - Fri) Teaching Assistant  
Miss Williams (Mon - Fri) Teaching Assistant

We welcome an open door policy in nursery and appreciate that you may need to pass on important information. Please can we ask for your assistance as mornings and the start/end of sessions are very hectic at times and safeguarding the children is our first priority. If you need to speak to us about anything before or after the session, please could you be patient and wait until we have all the children inside or have handed them safely to their parents. If you feel it may take more time to discuss, then let us know and we will be happy to arrange a more appropriate time.

### General Reminders...

- Please ensure that your child's coat and bag have their names are **clearly labelled** with their name on and they know where to look for their name. Help your child to identify their own name.
- Help your child to put on their own coat (we use the hood trick and put it on like a cape first!) Then progress to arms in sleeves, and finally zipping it up themselves. Get them to practice putting on their own shoes and identifying which shoe goes onto which foot. Shoes with laces are very frustrating for children who want to be independent, so please avoid sending your child in with lace up shoes or trainers.
- **Please can you ensure that your child has a labelled bag of spare clothes in Nursery at all times.** This can be left on their peg and is separate from the ruck sack they bring in daily. It should contain clearly labelled spare underwear, socks and shoes, t-shirt/top, pants/bottoms, pack of wet wipes and nappy bags to put wet things in. This bag will be returned if any items need replacing due to any little accidents.
- We have a lot of belongings in our lost property basket, so we will put it out on dry days for you to collect any items you have lost. Please put names in these items before allowing your child to bring them back into Nursery.
- Now the weather will be getting warmer, your child may require sunscreen. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS INTO NURSERY.** Instead, please apply a suitable 8-hour sun cream to your child in the morning so they are protected all day. On hot days can you also ensure your child has a suitable hat with their name in too.

