

FEBRUARY '20
TO
APRIL '20

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few months at nursery, packed full of fun activities and events!

As the New Year begins we are excited to see what the year brings and look forward to everything we have planned at nursery for 2020.

On this newsletter you'll find some key dates for your diary! I hope you are as excited about the upcoming events as we are in nursery. Remember you can keep up to date with all the fun at nursery by liking our Facebook page [@TinyTeapotsHarrogate](#)

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let us know!

Warm wishes

Tracy and Tiny Teapots Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



Friday 14th February



Valentine's Celebrations

Back by popular demand...pick up a love heart from reception and fill it out explaining why you love your child. The love hearts these will be displayed in your child's room. Celebrate with us by dressing your child in pink or red!

Monday 17th- Friday 21st February

February (Spring Half Term)

It is half term for those children who are on a funded term time contract. If you are unsure if this applies to your child, please speak to Tracy.



Tuesday 25th February

Shrove Tuesday

We will be having lots of pancake related fun! Decorate your own pancake and show us your skills in a outdoor pancake race!

Monday 2nd March

St David's Day Activities

Busy Bees and Pre-school will be making Welsh Cakes. They will also have a chance to show off their artist side with observational drawings of Daffodils.

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

To celebrate we'd love to see the children dress up as characters from their favourite story books!



Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March

British Science Week

The Pre-school children will be little scientist for the week. Please provide your little one with an old shirt so they can carry out their exciting experiments!



Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March

Sports Relief

Throughout Sport Relief week the children will be taking part in a variety of obstacle courses that will use a lot of positional language as well as physical skills.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Week Commencing Monday 16th March

First Day of Spring

With Spring upon us it's time to start planting seeds and bulbs, including flowers and vegetables! All week we will be getting involved in Spring themed activities.

Tuesday 17th March



St Patrick's Day

Please bring your child dressed in something green for the day to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We will be having a themed nursery too! Delicious!

Friday 21st March 2pm - 4:30pm

Mother's Day Celebrations

Calling all Mummies... we will be holding a special stay and play session including tea.

Week Commencing Monday 23rd March

NDNA- Healthy Body, Happy Me Week

During the week the children will be taking part in a variety of activities that the National Day Nursery Association have planned to support health and well being.

Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

Easter Break

This is for those children who are on a funded term time contract. If you are unsure if this applies to your child, please speak to Tracy



New Menu



Our delicious new menus are displayed in reception. There are also hard copies available for your information. If you would like any of the recipes from the menu, please don't hesitate to ask.

Speech and Language

Did you know that if you have concerns regarding your child's speech and language then Harrogate and District NHS Trust offer Speech and Language sessions across the area?

In order to attend any of these sessions you are now required to book a screening appointment on **01423 553122**

A poster with dates and venues can be found on the office window. Unfortunately we cannot make these for you.



Outdoor Refurbishment

The outdoor refurbishment is now complete and it is now in our hands to enhance the new grassy area and allotment patch that is at the rear of the playground.

Bug Hotel

As the Spring begins, the children will be planting vegetables in the allotment and we are currently gathering resources to make a Bug Hotel. To support the construction of the bug hotel please can you bring in any of the following items that you may find out on walks with your children:
Pine Cones, Moss, Twigs, Bark, Bamboo Canes, Small Logs, Hay and Rotting Wood.

Mud Kitchen and Decking Area

We are also going to continue enhancing our Mud Kitchen and Decking Area so if any of you have any of the following items spare, we would love to take them off your hands:
Old Metal Pots and Pans, Wind Chimes, Metal Spoons (all sizes), and CD's



Thank You & Good Luck

A big thank you to our cook Amanda who will be leaving us mid February.

The Tiny Teapots team would like to wish her all the best in the future. We would like to thank her for all the lovely dishes she has prepared!

Her position is currently advertised and is in the recruitment process. Until a suitable replacement has been found, Sara, Jayne and Tracy will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen.



Staff News

A big warm welcome to the following staff members who have recently joined the Tiny Teapots Team:

Kaylyn, Nursery Assistant (Tweenies and Busy Bees)

Jessica, Nursery Nurse and Room Coordinator (Tweenies)

Jade, Level 3 Nursery Nurse (Starting Mid February)

Planning and Assessment

From mid-February we will be changing the way we plan activities for our children and we are going paperless. Our new planning system is known as 'In The Moment Planning'.

An example of this is:

A child is hammering a nail into a piece of wood but the nail keeps falling over so in order for the child to succeed in their tasks the practitioner teaches the child there and then how to hold the nail safely at the base between their thumb and finger whilst hammering the head of the nail.

This is 'in the moment learning.'

In addition to this each key group will have a focus week. Focus weeks will take place between 4 and 7 weeks depending on how my key groups are in your child's room and it is during this time that we ask for your input.

Before your child's scheduled focus week we will send out a questionnaire asking you to tell us about any significant happenings in your child's life, including current interests that we can then use to enhance the setting and offer activities that meet your child's needs

An Example of this:

At home Sam is interested in cooking and always asks to help make the meals. In nursery we would use this information to enhance Sam's interest in cooking by introducing regular cooking sessions, play dough making, foods added to the role play area, Using different types of weighing scales and adding recipe books around the room.

Observations will still be completed weekly on Learning Book and termly assessments will still be produced via Learning Book and shared with you at parent meetings.

If you have any questions relating to the new planning system, please don't hesitate to ask!



Contact Details

Please can we kindly ask that if you have a change of contact details, including address, telephone numbers and place of work that you email the nursery so we can ensure that all personal information is up to date.

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