



# Avoncroft Nursery Newsletter



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**February 2021** - Welcome to the second half of the 'Spring' Term at Nursery. A special welcome to Matilda.

## **Theme**

This term our theme is based on the children's interests. We are focusing on a Shape each week as well as a letter sound. We would like to encourage all the children to talk about the letter sound and what items they have at home, starting with the letter sound 'c' & 'k'.

Week	Date	Shape	Letter Sound	Children's Interests
Week 7	22-02-21	Semi-Circle	c & k	Paw Patrol
Week 8	01-03-21	Oval	e	Disney St Davids Day World Book Day
Week 9	08-03-21	Heart	h	Peppa Pig Mothers Day
Week 10	15-03-21	3D Shapes	r	Animals St Patricks Day
Week 11	22-03-21		m	Music
Week 12	29-03-21		d	Dinosaurs Easter / Holi

Thursday 1st April 2021

End of Spring Term

## **Events**

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> March and encourage the children to dress up as their favourite character.

We usually have a special visit from a lamb, sometime during this part of the term.

## **Easter Raffle**

We will be holding an Easter Raffle to be drawn the last week of this term. Tickets available £1 a ticket. Proceeds towards summer activities for the children. (Please can you donate chocolate).

## **Garden Party and BBQ**

We will be holding the Summer BBQ and Fete. Date in line with government restrictions usually a weekend at the beginning of May donations nearer the time appreciated and help on the day. Everyone welcome.

## **Photographs**

Group and single photographs have been booked for Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 for the older children and Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> for the children not going to school, hopefully we will be able to accomplish this. Information will be given nearer the time for children to drop in if they do not usually attend the sessions the photograph is taking part on.

## **Vacancies**

We are now taking bookings for the school year commencing September 2021. – (we have leaflets you can hand out) please check you have reserved your sessions including rising stars if you are going to school September 2021 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## **Fees**

Following Worcestershire County Council guidelines, there will be one child exempt from paying the enrichment fee per term. This child will remain anonymous. This will be determined by the following rules;

1. EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium) – A child is on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding.
2. If there is more than 1 child on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding, the name will be drawn from a hat.
3. If there are no children on EYPP or receiving 2 year old funding, all the children's names will be put in a hat and drawn to see what child will receive the exemption.

The enrichment fees, allow us to cover the cost of the resources needed to do the additional activities, allow us to give the children different experiences to learn from, and give us the opportunity to bring outside teachers in.

EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium). This term we have bought a special Creative Movement Set which i'm sure the children will enjoy.

In January we made the announcement that we may need to increase the price of the additional activities. This is due to the increase in costs of products needed for the extra activities and new resources/ extra products needed due to Covid-19. We have managed to keep the increases down to a minimum for now. We will reevaluate for September. The morning activities from April will cost £2.50 (an increase of 50p), however the afternoon activities will remain lower at a cost of £1.50. Please speak to Heather if you have any concerns or difficulties.

## COVID-19

The parent letter and risk assessment on the current pandemic and how it affects our nursery, is the same as January. We will update you when any guidance changes.

Please note Worcestershire Health Organisation have provided test for all children who display various symptoms associated with various childhood illnesses. The letter is attached in this email.

It is vital that your contact details are always correct. Please can you let us know if anything changes especially mobile phones. We also understand that some of you are moving house or are about to move house. Please can you make sure, we receive your new address so we can update our records.

Please fill in a Holiday Form to tell us of your child's absence from Nursery.

Please text or phone to let us know if your child is not attending due to any illness (07749477553).

## Symptoms

This is public health campaign that communicates advice about how you can help stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), by promoting the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and advising people to stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Key messages include:

- No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms
- Find out how to get a test and how long to isolate at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**Please do not come to nursery if you or your household have symptoms of Covid 19. You can return immediately if test is negative. If test comes back positive, you should self- isolate along with your household and support bubble for 10 days from when the symptoms began.**

## Urgent Information ??? need to change / add other symptoms

Please can you let us know if you are currently isolating due to a positive test.

Worcestershire County Council has also asked us to find out if any of our nursery children or families have tested positive over the Half Term break.

If you have to isolate for any reason, whether the nursery or siblings bubble is shut or you are told to by the app, we will provide activity packs for the children to do. We have always done this even through the very first lockdown. If you need any resources, we will try to provide them. This means the children still feel part of the nursery and continue their development whilst not attending. Photos or observations uploaded to Tapestry would be appreciated.