



# Mulberry News - January 2021

We are fast approaching the end of term and I'm sure, like us, you are all looking forward to the warmer weather that Spring brings. Hopefully, we will also be back to some sort of normality and lockdown restrictions may be lifted.

At Mulberry, Spring is one of our favourite seasons, planting and watching the first signs of new life and growth.



Outdoor play has always been a huge part of our pre-school life. Being outside helps build strong immune systems, provides a vital source of Vitamin D, reduces virus infections, improves mental well-being and it goes without saying the developmental benefits such as building physical skills, increased self-confidence, and esteem. It is also the opportunity to explore and learn about the environment.

We continue to utilise our great outdoor areas every session and in every weather. It is therefore essential to be in appropriate clothing. On cold days children require layered clothing, a general rule is one more layer than you would wear as an adult in addition to a thick winter coat, hat, scarf, gloves, and warm, waterproof footwear.

Please can we ask that all children are fully equipped with suitable, named, clothing for every session they attend as we are spending much of the day outside.



The Bags 2 School van will be visiting our Pre-School to collect bags of clothing on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Bags 2 School accept good quality, clean, re-usable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, jewellery, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases. They do not accept duvets, pillows or cushions.

We will receive a cheque towards our Pre-School fundraising determined by the weight of the clothes donated.

Please fill a bag with as many items as possible and return it to Pre-School. Branded bags will be sent out after half-term - the more bags of clothing we collect, the more money we raise for our Pre-School!

Thank you for your support!



## Early Years Pupil Premium

Children who are currently claiming the 15 Hour funding for three and four year olds could be eligible for additional funding called the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). The Early Years Pupil Premium is extra funding paid to early years providers to support children in achieving the best Early Years outcomes.

### **How will I know if my child is entitled:**

Your child/children will be eligible if:

They are three or four years old and receiving a funded place in an early years provider, and you are in receipt of one or more of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)

### **Or if your child:**

- is looked after by a local authority
- has been adopted from care or
- has left care through special guardianship; or
- are subject to a child arrangement/residence order setting out with whom the child is to live.

If you think that your child (children) is eligible please contact Kate, Simone or Wendy.



## Fundraising News

Despite the pandemic, we have been fortunate to raise an amazing amount of money over the last few months including our sponsored Autumn search that raised £150.00. Christmas may feel like a distant memory, but we must say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas raffle whether by donating raffle prizes or/and purchasing tickets. We raised £343.00 which is a fantastic amount of money!

We have purchased new resources for the children to support their learning including:

- New puzzles
- Remote control cars
- Wooden garage
- Wooden numbered stepping stones
- New books



- All parents are asked to wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting their child (children) and remain 2 metres apart from others.
- Thank you to the parents who have brought photographs in of your child. The children love looking at themselves and it really helps them feel included. They love talking about themselves! However, our photograph wall is looking rather bare, please bring in a snap shot of your child, if you have not already done so for us to display. The children enjoy talking about their photos especially if they contain siblings and pets. We are happy to print them if you email them in.
- Don't forget, if your child is not going to be attending a planned session you need to call or email us prior to the start of that session. We have an obligation to record child absences and report as necessary.
- Please remember to update your details with us like mobile phone numbers, etc.

Dates for  
the Diary:

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half term (Pre-School closed)**
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Pre-School re-opens**
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (details to follow)**
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday - Pre-School closed**
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Easter holidays (possible opening 6th - 9th- more details to follow)**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Summer term**
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Bags2School collection**
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half term (Pre-School closed)**