**Newsletter No 4**

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Parents’ questionnaires**

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete these and for all your positive comments. They are so touching and we truly believe it is a privilege for us to be able to share this stage in your children’s lives. We are always keen to improve our practice and the parent survey is a good way for us to look at how we can do this….the survey is shared with the Governors at our meeting later in March.

If anyone would like to book a time to see me to follow up individual comments/thoughts please do so.

**Coronavirus**

We are keeping updated daily on the Coronavirus, and using Circle times to remind children of good handwashing practices. I am sure you will be doing the same at home. I will of course send out any additional information to you, as we receive it.

**Sock plea**

We are currently very short of spare socks for the children so if you have any you would like to donate, or bring back to Homerton, then they would be very welcome. Please just give them to class staff.

**World Book Day/Week is well underway**

Children have been enjoying sharing lots of books this week from home - if you haven’t already then please do send your child to Nursery or Nest with a favourite book to share to celebrate World Book Day (please make sure your child’s name is in the book!). You are very welcome to come and read with your child and others in class, please just let your class teacher know if you are able to do this.

Each child will receive a book token to take home this week which can be exchanged for a book at local bookshops.

**Hatching Chicks from the Monday 9th March**

We will have some incubating eggs in the library, which we hope will hatch into chicks over the following two weeks. Do creep quietly into the library to have a look during this time

**Enrichment Students week beginning** **16 March.**

We have four teacher trainees from Cambridge University Faculty of Education coming to work at Homerton for the week as part of their post graduate teacher training course. Two of these students will be staying on for a second week and they will all be spending time both in the Nest and Nursery.

**Easter Fun Day Wednesday 25th March – A parent event for Nest and Nursery parents!**

Come and have fun with your child at our, “Easter Eggstravaganza” which will be held in the nursery school garden. Come at drop off time morning or afternoon and be prepared to stay for 20 – 30 minutes. Invitations for this event will follow soon.

**Parking**

Thank you to all of you who have been helping keep our children safe by not parking on the yellow lines outside the Centre. Some parents I have spoken to did not realise that there is a cut through next to house number 48 on Glebe Road which brings you out just across from Homerton. It is a very pleasant 5 minute walk from Glebe Road through the allotments if you are able to leave slightly earlier and enjoy the walk with your child**.**

**Easter Raffle on Wednesday 1st April**

Tracey is starting to collect raffle prizes so please give any donations for this raffle to her - Thank you very much.

**Dental Survey by Public Health England**

Public Health England are undertaking a survey looking into the condition of teeth and gums for any child who is 3 year olds on the 1st April.

Homerton has been asked to take part in the survey this year so I will shortly be sending out some information to all parents of 3 year olds to ask if they would like their child to take part, this is entirely up to you to decide. The dental team will also be reading all children in the setting a story and bringing a puppet to demonstrate how best to keep teeth clean.

**Owlets**

Easter Holiday Club will run from **Monday 6 – Thursday 9 April**. Please ask at the office for request forms. Holiday club is open for current children and their siblings up to the age of 8.

**Easter Closure**

The Centre will close for Easter at the end of the day **Friday 3 April and reopens Monday 20 April**.

**Date reminders for your diary**

* Monday 2-6th March World Book week – please bring in your child’s favourite book to share
* Monday 9-22nd March Science Festival in Cambridge and at Homerton
* Monday 2nd March onwards please bring in donations for Easter Raffle
* Monday 9th March Chick hatching project begins for 2 weeks
* Monday 16th March for two weeks Faculty of Education trainees working in the school
* Tuesday 17th March St Patrick’s Day dancing and celebrations
* Wednesday 18th March Mother’s Day plant sale – a chance to buy a gift for your favourite Mum/Grandma
* Wednesday 25th March Eggstravaganza Day – come and join your child for a celebration of new life around the Homerton garden. More information will following shortly
* Wednesday 1st April Easter Raffle
* Wednesday 1st April – Visit from the Dentist …more on this shortly (only for our 3 year olds).
* Friday 3rd April Term ends.

Best wishes



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