

Dear Families,



Wow, what an amazing month March was. I think we have been lucky enough to see rain, snow, wind and even the sun at points throughout the month! This has created a lot of interesting provocations especially with ice and snow being experienced for the first time by so many of our children.

This month the children will be looking at the life cycle of different animals as we will be hatching duck eggs in the Nursery in May and the children in Transition are currently looking after frog spawn!

We would like to welcome back Mandy to our Team! Mandy has been part of our Cover Team and taken the position of Senior Nursery Nurse, after her operation she will be working with the Baby Team.

We are looking forward to the new car park next to our Nursery, please be aware that our exit will also be an entrance to the new car park but please could our families continue to enter the Nursery in the normal way.

Thank you to all our families for your support of the children for Sport Relief; all the children and Team had great fun dressing up and showing us their best disco moves, We have raised over £650!

We are now looking forward to all the African fundraising in April in aid of the Nursery we support in Kenya which will include a visit from Kwame, the African Drummer.

Warm Regards

*Sam Paulton*  
Nursery Manager



## Fundraising Ideas

**Babies:** Name the African Soft Animal

**Toddlers:** African Shaped biscuits to sell

**Transition:** Guess the weight of the Giraffe

**Kindergarten:** Making and selling Bracelets



## Dates for the Diary

**Easter Monday**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Our 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Visit from the Farm**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Photographs with Nicky Wood**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Africa Week**

W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## Babies

In March Babies were very busy, we made Mother's Day cards as well as having a Stay and Play when mummies and grandmas came to play. We have also been adapting our routine to cater for our older Babies by spending more time in the big garden to explore the various other toys and items they have as well as watching the builders at work. Some have been getting involved in football and yoga with Kindergarten too! We have also been exploring things linked with Easter which has given us new experiences and provocations.



## Toddler

The Toddlers have been continuing to explore colours through painting experiences, playdough and chalking. We have been working on our primary colours. For Mothers Day we all enjoyed making cards for our Mummy's, sticking and gluing on different materials. We have been on a trip to the Library to listen to story time and on walks in the surrounding area to support our walking stamina and see signs of Spring. We planted our own sunflower seeds. We will continue to explore Spring and hope to see our sunflowers growing. We will also continue to go on walks to the conservation areas.



## Transition

During March we talked about special people for Mother's Day and the children enjoyed making lovely cards and baking peppermint creams! We also had a Mother's Day Stay and Play. We also continued to incorporate more cooking activities in March. We have enjoyed taking trips around the Science Park to observe all the daffodils that have sprung up as part of our Spring provocation and are also currently caring for tadpoles. We have begun building links with our community by visiting our local Library in Eastleigh for a story time session which the children really enjoyed. We will continue to make weekly visits to the Library throughout this month.



## Kindergarten

In March, the Kindergarten children made lovely cards for their mums and invited mums, aunts and grandmas for a Stay and Play. The Beach Nursery started and children spent an amazing time building sandcastles, jumping in the waves and making friends with children from our Otterbourne Nursery. We have invited the Kindergarten children from Otterbourne to tea. In April, we are celebrating our birthday and our provocations will be linked with Spring and new life!

