



# APRIL NEWS ....

## 12345 Maths 67890 month....

Thank you for the photos of maths at home—these are displayed in the hall. We have designed another maths challenge for the Easter Holidays—please see overleaf.....

## Facebook....

Please remember to join our closed parents group to see latest photographs and messages that relate to your children. Please search for 'Childhaven nursery school parents group'

## Shoe laces....

Please remember shoe laces are not allowed at nursery, to keep us all safe. We also do not allow open-toed shoes in the summer months. Thank you for your support with this.

**Sing up....** Well done to everyone who took part in the sing up. Please keep singing at home and using the song books. Please leave us your favourite song in reception (please see Miss Ingle's question of the week on facebook) - we are going to use these with the children.

**Parent meetings....** We hope the new way of delivering these has suited more families. Please remember to return your parent comments form (everyone should have one of these). If you have mislaid it, please ask us for another. Thank you.

**Nature club....** After a few weeks of perfecting hammering skills, the children have moved onto joining wood together to make bird boxes with Mr Rowe. Look out for them in the garden!

**Core books....** We will be having a new book set for the summer term. You can give your child a head start by visiting the library and reading these books at home too:

- 3 Billy Goats Gruff
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Handa's Surprise

**Summer sun...(we hope)** We are going to have the outdoor area open as soon as children arrive at nursery from the start of the summer term (30th April). Please take your child in as usual to hang up their bags and let them continue to do their own ticket—this is important that they continue to do this themselves. We will be using the upstairs rooms in a different way, so children will be able to choose the ground floor or outdoors as soon as they arrive instead of the ground floor and the first floor. You can show your child the red

**Picking up....** Thank you to all parents who have supported our pick up times of **230pm** or **320pm**. Remember that **by prior arrangement only** we can have your child ready to be collected outside these times. Please telephone or see Donna when you drop off to arrange this. Thank you

**Outdoor area....** Please can we ask that older siblings **DO NOT** play in the outdoor play area at pick up times. We are not insured for unsupervised access to the equipment and staff have recently been having to go back out to put things away that have already been tidied. Thank you

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

**END OF THIS TERM**  
**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 320PM**

**START OF NEXT TERM**  
\*\*\*\*\***PLEASE NOTE**\*\*\*\*\*  
**TUESDAY 30TH APRIL**

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY—WE ARE CLOSED**  
**MONDAY 6TH MAY**

**NATURE CLUB**  
**MONDAYS (PM) AND TUESDAYS (AM) WITH MR ROWE**

**OUT AND ABOUT GROUPS**  
**THURSDAYS AM/PM**

**KATHY'S MUSIC**  
**WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY (PM) FRIDAY 24TH MAY (AM)**

**YOGA**  
**MONDAYS (PM) 13TH MAY, 20TH MAY**

**JABADAO SESSIONS**  
**ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS (AM & PM)**

**PARENT CAFÉ**  
**TUESDAY 21ST MAY 830-11AM**

**SNACK MONEY 60P PER WEEK / £4.20 PER HALF TERM. PLEASE GIVE TO DONNA ON RECEPTION**

**INVOICES—PLEASE HELP US BY MAKING SURE THESE ARE KEPT UP TO DATE. THANK YOU**

## Baby News....

Congratulations to Mrs Firth, who is expecting her third baby in September.

## World book day....

Thank you so much for the sponsor money. We have raised over £200 to buy some new books for nursery.

# Maths month.....family Easter holiday challenge



something

- Find
- Count it
- Photograph it!

We are going to see if we can make a number line with the pictures!

We will print them out when we come back!

## Ideas.....

Shells on a beach  
Peas on a plate  
Shoes in a row  
Stones in a circle  
Sweeties in a bowl  
People in a line  
Pieces of chocolate  
Birds on a fence  
Flowers in a row  
Dogs on leads  
Cars in traffic  
Buttons on a coat  
People on a bus

And of course....  
Eggs in a basket

### What should I be looking for when I am counting with my child?

#### Two year olds....

Instantly recognise small groups of 1 or 2 things without needing to count them

Bring you 1 or 2 things

Say number names randomly, but start to count to 5

#### Three year olds....

Instantly recognise small groups of 1, 2 or 3 things without needing to count them

Count up to 4 objects out from a larger group

Count up to 10

Count a fixed set of up to 10 objects

#### Four year olds....

Instantly recognise small groups of up to 5 things without needing to count them

Count out sets of objects (up to 10 things)

Count 'how many all together' or 'how many are left' with 2 different sets of objects (up to 10 things)



**House plants**



**Photo frames to display art (any size)**



**Old clocks for a display we have planned**



**Metal tea pots / pots / jugs for sand and mud play**



**Whisks for sensory play**

**Tiny / newborn baby clothes for our dolls**



**Old pans for role-play**



**Can you help us with our wish list?**

We are always collecting interesting items....

**Why?????**

We are undertaking our **'Curiosity Approach'** accreditation. This means that we are developing our nursery environment to be more authentic and curious!

There are many benefits to children, especially in developing their language and thinking skills and opening up the range of possibilities that resources can offer.

You are hopefully noticing a calmer and more natural environment for the children to play in already.

So....remember.....your junk could be our treasure.....