



Early Years Newsletter

Friday 17th March

With Miss Smith and Mr Bradman

This week we have been reading the story of Cinderella, we have been making shields, sequencing the story, made clothes for a Princess or Prince, measured our feet for the glass slipper and made a pocket watch. In literacy we have been changing the story of The Three Little Pigs to write our own versions of the story. We have also been making some lovely crafts for Mothers' Day and have been investigating shadows.

Next week

We will be reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and looking at the Easter story. Next week (after Muffins with Mum on Friday 24th) we are also inviting someone special to each child to come in to the Early Years setting to spend the morning with the children making crafts and taking part in activities. The morning will be to celebrate Mothers' Day and the classroom will be open from 9:00-10:00am. On Friday the children are also allowed to come into school wearing their pyjamas for Red Nose Day. The cost of this is £1.

Behaviour

At Overstone we use positive praise and rewards to encourage appropriate behaviour. However, there have been a few incidents on the playground recently of rough play and fighting. We have discussed with the children the importance of safe and appropriate play and they have been made aware that they will be missing some of their playtime, if they are unable to play appropriately.

School Disco

Before the school disco, parents are able to come into the classroom to change the children into their party clothes. Parents have to accompany their children to the disco. If you are unable to accompany your child, please arrange for another parent to supervise your child.

With Mrs Bendall

This week, we made some delicious flapjacks, following pictorial instructions, predicting what would happen when the mixture was heated and counting the right number of cups of ingredients to add. On Wednesday and Friday, we met our two new children. We were so proud of how kindly and gently the current Nursery children welcomed Lucas and Oscar. It was also lovely to see so many Grandparents on Thursday; the children really enjoyed showing them around. We have been doing lots of counting this week, singing 5 Green Bottles, thinking about how many bottles would be left when each one fell and identifying and writing the correct numbers. In Phonics, we have been robot-talking (segmenting) simple words and trying to put them back together again.

Notices

- Bright Sparks: We would be very grateful if you could share with us any amazing achievements that your child has made out of school, so that we can celebrate them in school, too.
- We would be grateful for any boxes etc which we can use in our junk modelling area.
- If you have any uniform, pants, socks etc. at home that your child has borrowed from school could you please return them as soon as possible, as we are running low.
- Please ensure all PE kit and school uniform is named with the correct name. We have numerous items of clothing in the classroom that are not named and are in our lost property. Please come and have a look if you are missing any items.
- Please continue to write in your child's reading record once you have heard them read.

The Reception gate will be locked at 8:45am in line with the rest of the school. If you arrive after this time please go to the office. Thank you.

Important Dates

24th March – Mothers' Day Morning for all of Early Years after Muffins with Mum. Red Nose Day – pyjamas and sensible shoes
28th March – School Disco 3:30-4:15pm
31st March – Break up for Easter
18th April – Return to school