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Nursery newsletter - Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Nursery class! I hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and are well rested for a wonderful term of learning ahead.

Our Learning
We are so excited about the learning adventure ahead of us. This term our theme is *My Special World Around Me*. We will be exploring winter in St Albans, our local community, exploring what we can see, where we visit and people who help us. We will also be comparing our local environment to other places in the world to broaden the children's understanding of the world around them. The children will also be learning about the celebrations of Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and later in the term the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr.

We are starting our Literacy learning with the book **Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.**

'There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.'

The children have already started learning the Makaton signs to the story as well as reciting the first few pages by heart. Using the story as a starting point, together, the children have collectively thought of the things they would like to learn more about. We will be building boats, exploring sinking and floating, and creating our own ice as well exploring how to release trapped objects from the ice. The children have also posed some interesting questions about penguins such as; do they have brothers and sisters? Where do they sleep? How do they eat if they don't have hands? We will be collaborating with the children to find the answers to these questions and help them to create their own non-fiction Penguin fact book for the Nursery.

Drop offs
8:30am
In the morning, we will continue to be at the door for you to relay any messages, for example, changes to your child's routine such as a grandparent collecting rather than yourself. For the safety of your children, if you have not told us of any changes, we will not let your child go home until we have spoken to you. If you do know you are going to be late and have to make last minute pick up changes please call the School Office. In the morning, if you find the Nursery door closed, please do not open it; it will be closed for safety reasons. Please knock and a member of staff will let you in.

Collection time
11:30am, 2:30pm & 3:30pm
Please collect your child **promptly** to avoid your child getting upset and to enable the staff to continue with or set up for the next session. Please can we ask that you collect your Nursery child before any Camp School Siblings on a Friday afternoon. Just a reminder that on Fridays the Nursery finishes at 14:30 and the rest of the school finishes at 14:35. Thank you.

Clothing
As the weather grows colder please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves, as we will continue to learn and explore our outdoor environment this term. Please can we ask that children wear shoes with Velcro and not laces to prevent any unnecessary accidents.

Things from home
Sometimes children want to bring in their own toys. **We ask kindly that you do not allow your child to bring them into the Nursery.** If your child would like to bring a toy for the journey to school, we will ask you kindly to take it back with you when you say goodbye. By doing this we can ensure that none of your children's precious things become lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.

PE
PE will continue to be on **Wednesdays** (Physical Education session). We ask that you dress your child in clothing that allows them to move freely, for example leggings & a long-sleeved t-shirt. **No lace up shoes or tights please.** It would be greatly appreciated if you could allow your child as many opportunities at home to put on their own socks and shoes to support their independence and confidence.

Contributions
For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £6.** If you are able to help please place the money in the small brown envelope attached, many thanks.

Please could you also contribute a box of tissues for all of the sniffles we are bound to get during the colder months.

We are also on the lookout for the following items:
Ribbons
Buttons
Small boxes (cosmetic, perfume, facial cream)
Fabric scraps
Pine cones
Paper towel rolls
Corks
Straws
Metal trays
Baskets
Loose parts
Wrapping paper scraps
Wallpaper scraps
Lentils
Plain flour

School dates
EYFS Consultations - 11th & 12th February
Half term - 16th to 20th February
Inset Day - 23rd February
End of Term for Nursery - 26th March

Please see our school website for additional school dates and events.

Yours sincerely,
Chloe and the Nursery Team.