

## Fortnightly Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Headteacher's comments

The children have been working so hard since starting the Spring Term. They have enjoyed playing with the new equipment in the playground at play and lunchtimes and there is more equipment on order to engage the children. We now have different zones for the children to explore which includes a nature kitchen, sports area, large construction and arts and crafts to name a few.

With the weather so cold and windy, please ensure children come to school with suitable coats and hats to keep them warm.

Over the next month or so we will be starting to advertise and recruit for positions to join our school as we prepare for the expansion of the Unit. This is a very exciting time for us as a school! Please see below for more information.

Mrs Laura Fielding

### **Staffing updates**

Over the past few months there have been a few staffing updates and movement around the school and therefore I thought it may be useful for you to know who is who in school for the Spring Term:

#### **Senior Leadership Team:**

Headteacher/Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Laura Fielding  
Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo: Miss Libby Cross  
Assistant Headteacher (Monday and Tuesday): Mr Matt Brough  
Assistant Headteacher/Early Years Lead: Mrs Claire Tomlin

#### **Nursery: (Until February Half term)**

Nursery manager: Mrs Karen Hornsey  
Nursery deputy manager: Mrs Amanda Smith  
Nursery teaching assistant: Mrs Bethany Lindsay  
Nursery teaching assistant: Mrs Louise Cox  
Nursery teaching assistant: Miss Hope Price  
Nursery teaching assistant: Mrs Misha Bage

#### **Nursery: (After February Half term)**

##### **Caterpillars (Nursery children aged 2-3)**

Caterpillars room leader: Mrs Karen Hornsey  
Caterpillar deputy room leader: Mrs Amanda Smith  
Caterpillar teaching assistant: Mrs Louise Cox

##### **Butterflies (Pre-school aged 3-4)**

Butterflies class teacher: Mrs Bethany Lindsay  
Butterflies teaching assistant: Mrs Misha Bage  
Butterflies teaching assistant: Miss Hope Price



**Reception:**

Buttercup class teacher: Mrs Tomlin (Th, Fr)  
Buttercup class teacher: Mr Brough (Mo, Tu)  
Buttercup class teacher: Mrs Martin (Mo-Th)  
Bluebell class teacher: Miss Huntington  
Reception teaching assistant: Miss Kerry  
Reception teaching assistant: Mrs Adams  
Reception teaching assistant: Miss Wilson  
Reception teaching assistant: Miss Woolnough

**Year One:**

Poppy class teacher: Mrs Sarah Foy  
Poppy teaching assistant/HLTA: Mrs Karen Ellis  
Poppy teaching assistant: Miss Adriana Fiorito (supply)  
Daisy class teacher: Mrs Joanna Golding  
Daisy teaching assistant: Mrs Helen Stephens

**Year Two:**

Tulip class teacher: Mr Jacob McCaughan  
Tulip teaching assistant: Mrs Angela Gipp  
Foxglove class teacher: Mrs Susie Stanforth  
Foxglove teaching assistant: Mrs Sue Thompson

**Pastoral Team**

Thrive practitioner: Mrs Lyndsay Oakey  
Dandelion practitioner/Pastoral support assistant: Mrs Julie Jugg

**SEND Unit**

Clover class teacher: Mrs Laura Toth  
Clover HLTA: Mrs Tracey Wymer  
Clover teaching assistant: Mrs Carolyn Goodall  
Clover teaching assistant: Mrs Mel Abbott  
Clover teaching assistant: Mrs Julia Wisbey

**Catering**

Catering manager: Mrs Judy Harding  
Catering assistant: Miss Gemma Doughty  
Midday supervisor: Mrs Chloe Beaumont-Whitmore  
Midday supervisor: Mrs Jo Murfitt

**Office**

Office team: Miss Emily Collen and Miss Kimberley Duff  
Finance manager: Mrs Zoe Thistlethwaite

**Site team**

Site manager: Mr Tim Peachey  
Deputy site manager: Mr Sam Harding  
Cleaner: Mrs Amy Harding  
Cleaner: Miss Chloe Hague

## Staffing Vacancies

Shortly we will be advertising for the following positions:

- Nursery Teaching assistant- starting asap
- Two SEND class teachers- starting September 2025
- Five SEND teaching assistants – starting September 2025
- Speech and Language therapist 3 days per week- starting September 2025

If you know anyone who may be interested please refer them to the school website.

## Car parking

Please can I remind you once again that the car park is only for those who have prior agreement with the school. This means that priority is given to those children who have additional needs. Please can you also be mindful when parking outside the school and park respectfully. Please also park respectfully and only arrive in the car park up to 5 minutes before you need and vacate the space as soon as you possible to accommodate other parents who need the space.

## Crossing patrol officer

The Local authority are still advertising for a PSO (Lollypop man/woman) to assist our children with safe crossing in the morning and end of school day. If you or someone you know would be interested, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

## Book Fair

A reminder that we will be hosting another scholastic book fair on 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The book fair will run between 1515 and 1530 each day in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to purchase new books, some at a discounted rate and the school will receive a percentage of the profits.

## Nursery drop-off

Please can we ask all parents/carers who drop off at nursery to make sure they hand their child to a member of staff at the door. Please keep the door clear to make sure the nursery team can safely get all children through the door. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attendance

We understand that there are many illnesses going around at this time of year. Please remember to report any absences to the school office **by 9am**. Please also check the NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) Please can we also remind you that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they should not return to school until they have been clear of sickness and diarrhoea for 48 hours to try and stop the spreading of any illnesses. This is in line with Government guidance.



### School closures

At this time of year we can sometimes experience severe weather which forces us to close the school due to safety concerns. If this happens we will send you an in-app message and email via Arbor and will update the school website as soon as we are aware. I must stress this would be at a last resort.

### Emergency contacts

Please can all parents check that there are at least **3** emergency contacts on your child's Arbor account. This is pertinent for if there is an emergency at school so we can contact someone as soon as possible.

### Reading at home

Please remember to read with your child daily at home. This can include their phonics book or a book you can read for pleasure. This is so important to ensure sustained progress in reading.

### Dates for the diary:

February 2024	
5 <sup>th</sup> February- 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Book Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Numbers day
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Daisy parent lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Poppy parent lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND coffee afternoon 14:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> February-21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term