

## Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

This half term we welcome 6 new children and their families to Pre-School. We look forward to helping them settle in and have lots of fun.

We said goodbye to Julie as she takes on a new job working for an at-home care company. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards her leaving gift. We bought Julie a Pandora butterfly charm as her key group were the butterflies, and vouchers for a full day at Lavenham Swan Spa!

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Catherine Neville as she becomes part of our team and takes on the Administrator role. She knows our pre-school very well having 2 children here and is very experienced with admin!

### Planning from the children's interests

**Week 1** - Settling in, Sensory and messy play and simple science experiments.

**Week 2** – Eid

**Week 3** – Shops, money (home corner will be set up as a shop)

**Week 4** – Planting seeds and vegetables

**Week 5** – The Queen's Jubilee

### Summer Term dates

Half term w/b 30<sup>th</sup> May

Last day of term Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### Letter of the Week

We will be supporting your child's learning by continuing our 'Letter of the Week'. Please encourage your child or support them in finding something from home or outside for each different letter of the week.

The children are welcome to bring in their object and we will do a little "Show and Tell" in the mornings. Please let your key person know if your child has brought something in to show.

### Parents Evening

**If you would like a phone call with your Key Person, please chat to them or email to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.**

Please name all drinks bottles, lunch boxes and uniform. We also have a number of lost property items in our reception area, if you think you maybe missing an item please take a look at pick up.

### Last Half Term

Last half term we celebrated pancake day. The children made and ate pancakes and talked about their favourite toppings they have at home. Lots of pretend pancakes were made out of playdough and sand too!

We learned about people who help us and had a visit from a police officer who brought his police car onto the school playground. The children went out in small groups, sat in the car, tried on different hats, and listened to the sirens! The children also made their own police badges.

Towards the end of term the children made Mother's Day cards and played lots of Easter games, took part in egg hunts, crafts and they explored an Easter themed sensory tray.

### Transitions

Summer term can be a very "mixed emotions" term as we welcome new children and get ready to say goodbye to some of our children in July who are moving on to Primary School. It's lovely to reflect on how much the children have changed, grown and developed since they started with us. We would like to make the transition as easy as possible for the children, so will be working very closely with the primary school to arrange as many visits as possible (particularly in the second half term). We will also invite the reception teachers over to pre-school. Letters to follow when visits/dates are set.

**Summer Term begins Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**