



Newsletter

Spring 2021

Welcome

Welcome back to John Bears Nursery, and a special welcome to our new families joining us. This has been a strange year for all of us so far, with different children and staff starting, and returning at different times. We are very pleased to now have all the children in Nursery and they are settling into our Nursery routine.

If you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to get in touch via the nursery office.

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Dates for your Diary

19.03.21 Red Nose Day
26.03.21 Last date for outstanding fees and signed funding forms
26.03.21 Easter Hat Day

Term time only children

26.03.21 Nursery finishes for Easter holidays

12.04.21 Nursery Summer term starts

All year round children

Nursery remains open apart from bank holidays

Easter Hats (School and Nursery)

Last year we had to have a virtual Easter Hat event so we are really pleased that this year we are back in school. Unfortunately, we cannot have our usual Spring Assembly and we won't be able to do a whole school parade with parents invited to watch but we can still enjoy this in a different way.

For those of you new to John of Gaunt this year, the Easter Hat Parade is something that has been going for years and years and is a tradition that we are keen to continue. We would love it if every child could make an Easter Hat to wear to school on the last day of Term (Friday 26th March). The hats can be as creative or as simple as you like. Have fun creating the hats together, we do love to see that the children have had an input in their hat!

Normally the Easter Bunny would come to judge the hats but this year it will be Easter Bunny Mrs T beamed in to class from her office.

Our lovely Friends of John of Gaunt (FoJoG) are kindly providing us with prizes for winning hats. There will be two winners from each class. So, get creative, we can't wait to see them.

Red Nose Day (School and Nursery)

Next Friday, 19th March, is Red Nose Day. The theme this year is superheroes. So if you would like to join in, raid the dressing up box and decide your super power and create a costume. Superhero costumes can be made very simply with things you find around your house. Tie a small blanket round your shoulders and you have a cape-you might be Air Guitar Girl or Bakes Brilliant Cakes boy! Whatever you decide to be, you can choose to come dressed as your superhero on Friday 19th March and donate what you can to the charity. Let's help everyone to smile. (Donation pots will be at each of our Nursery entrances)

Wellies, Waterproofs and Spare Clothes

Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies at nursery for going outdoors as they cannot go outside in their indoor shoes.

We encourage the children to explore outside in most weathers and we have lots of water and muddy activities. Please can you therefore make sure that your child comes with appropriate clothes for going outside and bring in either a pair of waterproof trousers, a set of waterproofs or an all-in-one for your child to wear outside when they are exploring.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in a spare set of named clothes to leave on your child's peg. Please can you make sure this is at least one whole set of clothes, including socks, and also ensure that you replenish these when they have been sent home to wash.

If your child has come home in some borrowed nursery clothes, please can you ensure that you return these to nursery as we only have a very limited supply.

Water Bottles

Throughout the day we support the children to stay hydrated and encourage them to drink from their water bottles. We also offer milk to drink at snack time. As we are part of the healthy schools initiative we aim, right from when your child starts at Nursery and school, to develop their awareness of making healthy choices.

Therefore, to support this, we are asking you from after the Easter holidays to only send water in their water bottles. Squash and juice can be high in sugar which can have a detrimental impact upon your child's dental health. If your child currently has juice then we suggest the next few weeks is a good time for you to start watering it down to support them in this adjustment.

Tapestry

Most of you have now activated your Tapestry account and have hopefully been enjoying sharing the observations of your children. If you have not been able to do this yet then please do this by going to the activation email you received or let us know if you are having any difficulties with access.

Please do share photos and news from home by adding to Tapestry. We really enjoy seeing what the children have been up to.

For further updates please follow the [John Bear's Nursery Facebook page](#).

Reminders

- * Please check your child's book bag regularly as there may well be letters in there for you and pictures your child has made.
- * If your child has any possible Covid symptoms e.g. a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste please keep them at home.
- * Please remember that if your child has suffered from diarrhoea or vomiting they need to stay away from the nursery for 48 hours after they last showed any symptoms.