**Mucky Pups Pre-school**





**Newsletter February 2019**

**Thank you!**

Thankyou to all of you who brought in your favourite stories for us to read throughout national story telling week. The children have all really enjoyed sharing them with their friends and we have thoroughly enjoyed reading them all!!

Please remember we have a small library of books outside Mucky Pups which you are welcome to take books from to read at home. Just remember to sign them out and back in.

**Song of the Month**

**The Kindness song**

(Sung to the tune of ‘If you’re happy and you know it)

You’re my friend so I’ll always be there.

Being kind and helpful is to really care.

If you need my help just ask,

You come first and never last.

You’re my friend so I’ll always be there.

**Dates for your diary**

**February half term**

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

**Easter holidays**

Monday 8th April – Thursday 18th April

**Bank holiday closures**

Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April

**Schools applications**

Schools applications closed on 15th January. You will hear if you have been successful in getting the school of your choice in April.

Once you have found out which school your child will be going to please let us know. We will be liaising with the schools during the summer term to aid your child’s move in to Reception.

**Availability**

We have had some sessions become available in Mucky Pups, if you think you would like some extra sessions for your child please come and speak to Natalie.

Also, we have some sessions available during the February half term. If you would like some extra sessions during the holidays please speak to Natalie.

**Session times**

Please can all parents note that the morning session finishes promptly at 1 o’clock. Please can all children who are booked in for the morning session only, be collected by this time. We have children arriving at 1 o’clock for the afternoon session and cannot let them start until the morning children have left.

Thankyou

**Key Information:**

Just a reminder of our contact details.

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**Monthly Recipe**

Valentines Jammie Dodgers

**Ingredients:**

Strawberry Jam

100g of unsalted Butter

175g Caster Sugar

1 Large Egg

1 teaspoon of vanilla

200g plain flour

**Method:**

1. Mix the butter and sugar in a bowl until well combined.
2. Add the Egg and Vanilla and beat well until mixed.
3. Tip the flour in to the mixture and fold together until fully combined. Then shape all the mixture together in to a ball. (Refrigerate)
4. Roll the dough out on to a floured surface to the depth of about 5mm.
5. Cut out as many love heart shapes as possible placing on to a well-greased or lined baking tray. Then refrigerate to firm up.
6. Cut out a love heart shape from the centre of half of the biscuits.
7. Bake in the oven for 12 minutes at 190’/170fan/Gas5.
8. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.
9. Spread the bottom biscuits with jam and sandwich with the top biscuit.
10. Enjoy!!

If you make these at home please put a picture on Capture so we can see your delicious biscuits!!

**Welcome!!**

This month we have welcomed 3 new members to the Mucky Pups family!

We have gained 3 fish! The children gave us lots of suggestions for their names which we put in to a hat and drew out three, their names are:

Ginger! Peppa! Swish!

Come and say Hello!!

**WEATHER!**

Please remember it is winter so please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We have the door open to the outside for free flow access whatever the weather. Warm clothing and a good waterproof coat are essential.

We have plenty of waterproof trousers and wellies here for your children to use. We go out in Rain, Wind, Snow and even Sun, when we get it!

**Slippers!!**

Thankyou all for providing your children with slippers to wear at nursery. This is working so well; the staff are also loving wearing their slippers. We have loved seeing all of your beautiful pairs!

Please can we ask at the end of each day that you place your child’s slippers in their tray. This way they shouldn’t get mixed up with anyone else’s, we have a few with the same pair. Also, when children arrive and take their shoes off, please place these under the bench near their peg or, if it is wellies, by the back door for when they go outside.

Thankyou

**Capture!**

Just for those new parents who started with us in January. We hope you have managed to get set up on Capture to view your child’s observations and development. If you are experiencing any issues with this please speak to Joe who is our Capture coordinator. He will be happy to assist in any way he can.