

EXPLORERS,
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Dear Parents and Carers,

From now until half term the children will be involved activities relating to Wintertime and Chinese New Year. **We will also be planning activities that follow your child's interests and fascinations. Your child's key person has already uploaded onto Tapestry their individual planning for the term and any activities that you could do at home with them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's key person.**

Curriculum Goals

Our curriculum goals for this Spring term are:

Communication and Language: **Experience** a language-rich environment.

Encouraged to share ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional:

Learn how to look after their bodies and manage their personal needs independently.

Physical Development: **Explore** and play with rich and varied resources and develop proficiency, control, and confidence.

Literacy: **Develop** a lifelong love of reading, enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.

Acquire language comprehension through talking and sharing books with adults.

Mathematics: **Develop** a strong grounding in number

Have **positive attitudes** and interests in Mathematics.

Understanding the World: **Foster** an understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically, and ecologically diverse world. **Enrich and widen** vocabulary.

Committee

Back in December the AGM was held and some new officers were elected to the Committee and so the Committee is as follows:

Chairperson- **Faye North (parent),**

Vice Chairperson- **Becca Gray (Co-opted, aunty of a child attending Explorers)**

Treasurer- **Barry Howlett (Co-opted, Henstridge resident, parish councillor)**

Secretary- **Esme Robbins (former parent)**

Fundraising Co-Ordinator- **Laura Shepherd (Parent)**

Committee member and social media- **Annie Love (Former employee)**

Committee member- **Jo Sparshott (Parent)**

Committee Member- **Sophie Mclean (Former parent and soon to be parent again!!)**

The committee hold regular meetings which are parents and carers can attend. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, help with fundraising ideas or just know a little more about what is happening at Explorers. At present the meetings are via Zoom and when a meeting is to be held, you will be emailed the log in details so that you can attend if you wish to do so.

Any questions you can email the Chair person on: explorers.chair@hotmail.co.uk or via the main email address: explorers.preschool@hotmail.co.uk

Cold Weather

Please can you ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for outdoor play in the cold weather. A warm coat, gloves and a hat. Thank you.

Water Bottles

I have noticed that there are still a few children who are having juice in their bottles to drink during the morning and not water. Juice is just for lunch time and as part of the statutory guidance for the early years we have to promote healthy drinks. I know that it is difficult when your child will not drink water, however we will be encouraging them to drink water and not juice during their time with us.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. We will be inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. **All children will receive a £1.00 book token to spend on certain books.** For more information you can visit: www.worldbookday.com/about-us/about-world-book-day/

Comic Relief

Friday 17th March is Red Nose Day. Details nearer the time once things have been confirmed.

Stay and Play Week

We will be holding our stay and play week from Monday 20th March until Friday 24th March from 8.45am to 9.45am. This is an opportunity for you to come and play with your child, see **what we do during the morning and to have a chat with your child's key person.**

Any questions, please see a member of staff.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding an Easter Hat Parade and an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 30th March at 11.00am. All parents and carers are invited to come along. More details to follow nearer the time.

Term Dates

We break up for half term on Friday 10th February and return on Monday 20th February 2023. We break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 30th March 2023

Yours Sincerely,

Anna Swinburn- Supervisor