



School Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025



Happy Friday!

I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. It's hard to believe that we are over half way through the current school year. Over this half term, our theme is "**Old MacDonald had a farm**". As well as learning the traditional song, children will be learning lots of things about animals and their young. Spring is the time of year when new life is born into the world and when seasonal changes are apparent all around us.

You can support your child's learning at home in the following ways:

- Naming different farm animals
- Making animal noises
- Learning the names of male and female animals e.g. stallion/calf or bull/cow
- Learning the names of their young e.g. cat/kitten, cow/calf

Also, as you go out and about, draw your child's attention to the changes happening to the plants around us. There is so much to notice: blossom, buds growing on tree branches, bulbs sprouting, daffodils shooting up. This is a great opportunity to teach your child lots of new words.

We are delighted that **Acorn Animal Farm** will be visiting school on Monday 31st March (please see separate letter). I will require you to return your **reply slip by next Friday** for your child to take part on this wonderful experience.

As usual, here are a few notices and reminders to keep you up to date:

NELI Preschool

Next week, children will be reading the story '**Neon Leon**', all about a chameleon. They will be learning about the meanings and usage of the Special Words:

- **match**
- **sad**
- **hide**
- **jungle**

Further information for supporting your child's learning at home is on our **school website**. Scroll down to the bottom of the main page, click on the tile that says NELI Preschool and find the file named 'Neon Leon'.

Winter coats

Please continue to ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Gloves are **not suitable** for school as they become damp and wet outside as children play and learn. In cold and damp weather, children will only go outdoors for limited amounts of time with lots of opportunities to warm up.

Attendance and Timekeeping

If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the very best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. **Any unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.



Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please put your child's name or initials inside both of their shoes. Many children cannot identify what their own shoes look like and this gives our staff at least half a chance of matching the correct shoes to the correct child.

Please check that all labels on clothing and other belongings are clearly visible. Over time, labels can fade which makes it more likely that items will go missing.

World Book Day – Stay and Read sessions

During the week of World Book Day, we would like to invite parents into school for a Stay and Read session with the children. Come along and share a children's story with your own child and one or two of their friends in class.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to come along for stay and read on one of the following days:

Wednesday 5th March	8.30am – 9.15am
Thursday 6th March	8.30am – 9.15am
Friday 7th March	8.30am – 9.15am

Our children do not get dressed up because we believe that this is a special experience to look forward to when children go to primary school.

Dates for your diary

Monday 24 th February	Children return to school (normal times)
Tuesday 4 th March	Pancake Day
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 13 th March	Wear Blue for Bobby Day (details to follow)
Monday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day celebrations
Friday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Friday 28 th March	Mothers' Day Singing (details to follow)
Monday 31 st March	Acorn Animal Farm visit (see separate letter)

If you have any issues at all, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the school gate in the morning. I will always listen and endeavour to do my best to help.

Should you wish to speak with me confidentially, please ring the school office to arrange a telephone appointment or you can drop me an email me at ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk

Thank you all for your continued support for our fabulous school and for being such wonderful members of our 'school family'.

With warmest wishes,

Mr Craig Bolton
Headteacher

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