



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is time for the Spring edition of our Newsletter and welcome to our new families who have recently joined the nursery. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Firstly, thank you for your cooperation and continued support whilst we are working in unusual times under government restrictions. Please be reminded that if your child displays symptoms of **COVID** or is unwell they should not come into the nursery. We would recommend you follow the government guidance available at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)

You will receive a revised Operation Plan and Risk Assessment shortly related to COVID and the safer operation of the nursery. Please take the time to read these documents as they contain important information.

Welcome to our new Parent Trustees Katie and Charlotte. Thank you for joining our board and supporting Sawston Nursery. We hope you enjoy your new roles and getting involved with nursery matters. If parents and carers have any matters that you would like to bring to our attention please speak to Katie or Charlotte who will be happy to take your comments to the board of trustees and management team in the nursery. These will then be discussed and you will receive a reply.

**So, let's find out what is happening across the Nursery:**

#### **Buttercup/Bluebell Room**

We have been enjoying the better weather whilst exploring the big garden area. We have learnt new skills such as kicking a ball, mastering the climbing apparatus and giant mushrooms, as well as making and climbing a Lego staircase. The children have showed an interest in the 'signs of spring' especially the wildlife. Therefore, we will be basing our learning this month on animals and insects.

We aim to teach basic concepts such as big and small, fast, and slow and hope to improve our numeracy skills by counting how many legs an insect has and how many spots we can see on the ladybird.

We also plan to take the children on wildlife hunts out of nursery too, where the next environment we explore will be the forest, who knows, maybe we will find the Gruffalo!

#### **Daffodil Room**

We have been enjoying a mini project on Dinosaurs, based on the children's interests.

We have created shape dinosaurs, dinosaur letters and had several dinosaur sensory tuff trays.

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on Easter and Spring, talking about the changes around us. We will be designing spring pictures, reading books about baby animals, and going

out of the nursery on spring walks. Furthermore, we will take part in some Easter egg hunts around the nursery and around the forest, as well as decorating our own eggs.

### **Poppy Room**

Our topic this month is 'Stepping into Spring'.

We will be starting off with lots of Easter activities, such as an Easter egg hunt, decorating eggs and painting chicks. We will also incorporate physical play, by having a go at egg and spoon races.

We will be learning Spring songs in our outdoor learning in the forest as we explore signs of spring around us. Children will have the opportunity to look at books and posters of different animals that we hope to see at springtime, and we can explore their life cycles.

### **Sunflower Room**

Sunflower Room children have grown and developed so much with regards to their independence and creativity, showing real interest and strength in role play and storytelling. To support development in being able to manage their own feelings, we will be reading 'The Colour Monster'. This story supports children in developing skill in being able to identify and talk about their feelings.

We will shortly have some 'hatchlings' to watch and be able to develop our knowledge of lifecycles.

*We are pleased to announce that our Pre School Graduation will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Further information will follow very soon. Please remember to get this date in your diary and fingers crossed for the weather on the day!!*

### **Parents Consultation Week 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Due to the current restrictions, we will not be able to have families inside the nursery to attend a parents evening meeting. Therefore, we will be offering you a choice between a zoom meeting with your child's key person and yourself or a face-to-face meeting outside in the front garden area (Weather permitting). I am aware some of our Room Leaders would like to see you face to face as it does seem a long time since we have seen you to catch up fully regarding your child. Room Leaders will be communicating with you very soon.

### **Group Photos**

Please note that our group photos will take place in the nursery garden on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Within classroom bubbles).

### **Celebrations in the nursery**

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Good Friday (Nursery closed)

5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday (Nursery closed)

20<sup>th</sup> April - Chinese language day

23<sup>rd</sup> April - Saint George's Day

29<sup>th</sup> April International dance day. Get on your 'glad rags' and your 'leg warmers!!'

**Staffing**

Welcome back to nursery 'Story Karen'. Poppy Room are so happy to have you back in the classroom.

Josh has been absent from the nursery, but just to let you know he will be returning to the nursery on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Josh is looking forward to being back in nursery in the Buttercup and Bluebell classroom.

Liz - Will be returning to the nursery to cover staff holidays up until August and then she will return to work her original shift pattern.

**Here are our staff nominations for March 2021**

**Molly** - Nominated for being friendly, enthusiastic, and helpful at handover time. 'An asset to the nursery'.

**Josh** - For working above and beyond his role and settling children into the Buttercup/Bluebell classroom.

**Michelle W** - For creating exciting, stimulating, and supportive home learning resources for children to share with their family.

**Leisa** - For being so accommodating and dealing with last minute requests from work colleagues whilst taking this in her stride.

**Natalie** - For her amazing effort in monitoring the room availability for children joining us in September 2021.

**All staff in the Buttercup/Bluebell Room** - Nominated for all your hard work and the love and care you show the children.

**Chloe** - Nominated for being proactive and supporting work colleagues when they need help.

**Managers Award for the Month is awarded to:**

**Tracy B** - For covering in the Sunflower Room when needed and being supportive to others in the nursery. Thank you for being flexible and reliable.



Please remember to send in your staff nominations if you believe a member of the team deserves a small reward for working above and beyond their role. Just send an e mail to [tina.spencer@sawstonnursery.org](mailto:tina.spencer@sawstonnursery.org) and your nomination will be recognised.

Congratulations to all the above staff, who should be very proud of themselves for their hard work and dedication to working with children across the nursery. It is wonderful to be recognised for your effective practice.

**Happy April Birthday to:**  
**Etta P. Barnaby C. Jessica K. Eliza T. Margot H. Emily K. Reyansh U.**

**Happy April Birthday to our staff:**  
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**Some Important Dates for your Diary 2020 (Please keep in a safe place).**

Musical Bumps	TBC
Parents Consultation Week	10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Group Photographs	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Preschool Leavers Trip	TBC June 2021
Preschool Leavers Graduation	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>Training Day Nursery Closed</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.</b>
Individual Photographs	TBC October 2021
Parents Evening	TBC November 2021
Half Day closure Christmas Eve	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 (1pm finish)

**Bank Holidays for 2021 (Nursery Closed)**

Good Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021
Easter Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Early Bank Holiday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
Summer Bank Holiday	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Christmas Day (substitute day)	27 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Boxing Day (substitute day)	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
New Year's Day (substitute day)	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Further information will be sent to you regarding the above events via e-mail so please keep a look out for details, as sometimes changes to dates are unavoidable.

**Best Wishes**

**Tina and the Sawston Nursery Team**