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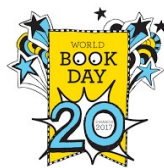
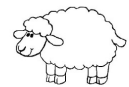
Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all, and thank you all so much for your cards and gifts for the staff over the festive period, it was very kind and very much appreciated by all of the Team, thank you again.

We will shortly be publishing the dates for up and coming events in 2017, which we will share with you, once we have finalised a few more details. Please keep it safe or add to your calendars, phones, or fridge. You could even take a photo of it on your phone. (We will add it to the website and facebook too)

An important date for you all to note is that we have taken the decision to **close next Christmas**, for the 3 days between Christmas and New Year, so nursery will close at 6pm on Fri 22nd Dec and re-open on 8am Tues 2nd Jan. You will not be charged for this. The last few years have seen very few children at nursery during this time, as well as giving your bills a rest in Dec, it also allows all the staff to have a rest too. We appreciate that you need as much warning as possible for this to accommodate your holiday too.

We have a visit from Dave's farm on 22nd Feb, which is open to everyone, even if it's not your day at nursery. He will be here from 10-11.30am in the playground. We will take the children down in their groups to enjoy the sheep, goats, ducks and hopefully some rabbits too. If you would like to come in please let us know, we kindly ask that if it's not your nursery day, that you stay with your child to enjoy the animals too.



We also like to celebrate **World Book Day at Nursery which is on Thurs 2nd March**. (Research shows that reading to your child helps develop their intelligence) the children are invited to dress up as their favourite characters on this day. As will the staff too. We would like to ask if anyone would like to come in that week and read a story to the children, it could be your favourite story you read to your child or one that was read to you as a child. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles etc. all welcome to help us celebrate. If you can spare 15 mins that week, please let us know. We

will also visit **Waterstones** that week, with the older children to spend the book tokens and have a story in the book shop and hopefully visit the **library** with the toddlers. Again if you can help with the book shop or library visit please let us know.

Our next parent group meeting is on Tues 31st Jan 7pm at 36 New Road Nursery, everyone is welcome. For more info please see the displays in the corridors or ask in the office. We even supply the wine! We are a very informal group that meets up every other month to share nursery news and seek the input from you, the parents, on new ideas or practices.



We have a new jar in the office that is waiting to be filled with lots of positive comments, if you would like to join in, you can simply e-mail your comments to us at info@newroadnursery.co.uk, or hand them to a member of staff. We will add them to the jar, and at the end of the month we will add up the comments to see who has gained the most to win a prize, thus creating our Positive staff member of the month. We will let you know who wins. We will also display the comments in the newly decorated and refitted staff room, for all the staff to enjoy for the month.

We will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year, so please help us by collecting as many as you can. We are able to exchange them for free equipment for the children so very worthwhile doing. Each one helps so please do ask your neighbours, family and work colleagues too, if they don't use theirs.



Also can I remind you to please ring or e-mail us if your child is unable to make it to nursery, whether it's a day at home, illness or holiday. We have to keep a record of all absences and the reasons why, thank you for your understanding.

Finally we hope you and your child are happy at New Road. If you ever want to discuss anything then please don't hesitate to ring us, pop in or e-mail. Although the office is tucked behind the kitchen in 36 our door is always open.

Best Wishes

Shan, Mark and the New Road Team

