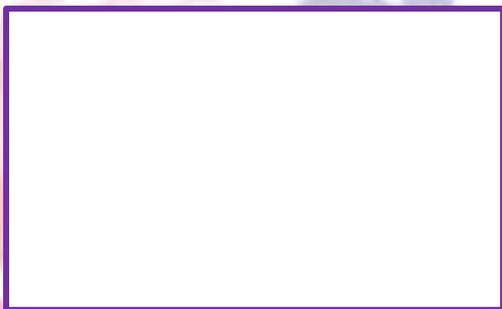


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Dear parents and carers, we hope you have all enjoyed the long Easter weekend, we continue to be busy at nursery getting stuck into all things Spring!

As some of you are hopefully aware, we are hosting our nursery fundraising event for Hannah House on **Saturday 18th May** from **9.30-12.30am**. An email has gone out detailing the event as well as various posters and flyers. We hope as many of you can make it as possible.

We are now selling raffle tickets in the office at £5 a ticket. We have 3 top prizes plus much more including a two night stay in a Cumbrian holiday cottage, a tapas meal for 4 adults including children and a family photoshoot experience, prizes will also include free babysitting services.

Please call in if you would like to purchase your ticket to be in with a chance of winning any of these fantastic prizes.

We very much appreciate your continued support.

We will also be hosting our 'Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle walk' for Save The Children this month. This is taking place on Wednesday 15th May. All children will be going on a walk around Moortown park to 'follow the puddles'. We have sponsor forms available if your child would like to ask friends or family for donations, otherwise we will be collecting donations on the day.

Thank you.

As most parents are aware, we have had chickenpox circulating the nursery for a few weeks now. Please take care to check your child for signs of feeling unwell followed by spots appearing. If your child catches

chickenpox they must be absent from nursery until all the spots have scabbed over and they are feeling well enough to return, which is usually around 5 days.

We have also had an isolated case of slapped cheek syndrome in nursery. There are no more cases as we are aware but will inform all parents if more cases arise.

We would also like to say a big welcome back to Sitali, who has been off on maternity leave over the past year. Welcome back!

Baby room

This month the Babies have enjoyed thinking about Spring, and have enjoyed their trips to the farm, alongside the children in Toddlers. We saw lots of animals we could recognise and practised making the noises for each one!



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We have also been getting creative with our messy activities and incorporating small world animals into our play!

Over the next month in the Baby room, we will continue to focus on Spring and animals, we love exploring in the outdoors, so we will be looking out for signs of Springtime that we can spot when out and about on walks. We will also be doing lots of water play and introducing some simple Montessori 'practical life' skills to the babies through pouring and transferring activities.

Toddler room

Toddlers have been busy this month learning all about Spring and have all enjoyed their trip to Meanwood Valley farm.

We had great fun going to visit all the animals and having picnics with our friends.

It's great to get out and about! We have also enjoyed thinking about all things Easter and have used our creative skills to make Easter cards for our loved ones. We also learnt a new song called 'chick, chick, chicken!'



Our next upcoming topic is going to be 'Under the sea'. We will learn all about marine life and the different habitats of creatures who live under the sea. We will specifically be learning about the life cycle of turtles!

We will be holding our next stay and play session which will be all about what we have learned about Under the Sea! The date will be confirmed soon. 😊

Pre-school room

We have had a busy month in Pre-school visiting Tropical World to finish off our topic on caterpillars and butterflies. We loved seeing all the different animals and riding on the bus! We also watched our very own caterpillars turn into butterflies and set them free! We have enjoyed celebrating Easter this month. We made Easter cards to give to our friends and family and enjoyed going on an Easter egg hunt in the Forest school.



Our next topic will be surrounding festivals and different cultures from around the world. We will be talking about what makes us all different and thinking about how different cultures celebrate. We would like

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to ask parents and carers if anyone has any old cultural clothes they could bring in for the children to dress up in. We would also welcome anyone who would like to come in and speak to the children about a religious or cultural celebration meaningful to you and your family. We will be learning about Ramadan and Eid and the religion of Islam.

As some of you may be aware we have had a move around in terms of staff in the Pre-school room. Natasha is now working back downstairs between the Baby and Toddler rooms. Emma RL has stepped up to become the room lead in the Pre-school room, if anyone has any queries, please speak with her.

Emma RL and the Pre-school team would like to remind you to please encourage your children not to bring toys in from home. If we could also ask you to make sure all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you 😊

Events to come

15th May-Peppa Pig Muddle Puddle walk
18th May-Nursery fundraiser for Hannah House.

Upcoming training

All staff will be completing online courses in allergy awareness over the next few weeks.

All new staff to the setting will be completing their paediatric first aid qualifications.

Extra sessions

Just a quick reminder that if you require any extra sessions for your child to attend nursery these must be confirmed either with a member of the team in the office or via email. We would also like to remind that extra sessions are to be invoiced separately and will require payment by Tax-Free Childcare, Voucher or BACS.

We will do our utmost to help with arranging extra sessions for your child, however please remember these may not be granted at short notice due to staff ratios.

Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

Twitter/Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on twitter and Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Photos follow our strict guidelines and we never identify a child by name or photo.

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help. **Notice re payments after the 1st:** Some payments have been increasingly irregular, especially as new payments methods have been introduced, such as Tax Free Childcare, bank payments and present voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. Thank you.



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A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for your help.

Nursery Holidays for 2019.

6th May-Bank Holiday

27th May-Bank Holiday

26th August-Bank Holiday

24th December-Christmas eve close at 1pm-
re-open on Thursday 2nd Jan 2020.

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