

# The Treetop Times

Forest Friends Day Nursery Newsletter



## Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday is on the 28th of February and we will be serving pancakes at both snack times to celebrate with a variety of fruit fillings.

## Floor Plans - A Move To Improve

### All New Dedicated Age Group Units To Aid Learning & Development

As you know, we've been busy over the half term period giving the first floor of the nursery a much needed facelift and redesign into our new Over 2's Unit. This will make way on the ground floor to develop our Under 2's Unit with a dedicated sleep room. These improvements will aid the children's learning & development and help the staff team to deliver the best quality childcare and early years education.



## Good Luck Sam

Samantha Heno will be leaving at the end of February to pursue her passion in health & fitness. Sam is keen to forge her career in this industry and we know she will be a huge success. All the best for the future Sam and thank you for all your hard work here at the nursery.

### UNDER 2'S

Hedgehogs & Squirrels

Could we please ask that all parents bring in some outdoor clothing and footwear so we are able to take the children outside in all weathers. Our focus this month is for the children to engage in sensory activities outdoors and explore their surroundings.

### OVER 2'S

Foxes

We will be introducing circle time which will allow children to understand and learn about each other in a more focussed environment. Please can we ask parents to try asking the children open ended questions and discuss their responses.

### PRE-SCHOOL

Owls

Our pre-school children will be focussing on physical development this month as we will have the benefit of an FA Qualified Football Coach who is coming into the nursery. He will be teaching a variety of basic skills based around teamwork.

## Term Dates

There will be no term-time or funded only sessions between the 1st - 23rd April 2017

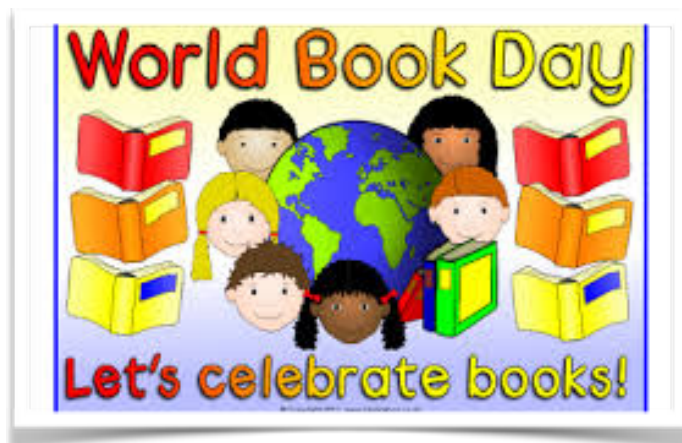
Term-time and funded only parents, please note our term dates for April are as follows; The children's last day in will be the 31st of March, and they will return from the 24th of April.

If you require any additional sessions to cover your childcare needs in between these dates, then please book them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Please call or visit the office, alternatively you can email [hello@forestfriendsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:hello@forestfriendsdaynursery.co.uk)

## Funding Paperwork

If your child was born on or before 31/03/2014, they will be eligible for 15 hours of free childcare from the 24th April 2017. To apply for your funded hours, please visit the office to fill in the required form and bring your child's birth certificate.

Parents who are already in receipt of funded hours will still be required to fill in a form to apply for the summer term funding so please contact the office and we'll be happy to help.



## World Book Day

Thursday March 2nd 2017

Forest Friends would like to invite all our children to join in the fun on World Book Day by dressing up as a character from their favourite book. The whole staff team will be getting into the spirit with costumes and book themed activities around the nursery.

## Comic Relief

Friday March 24th 2017

Forest Friends will be supporting Comic Relief this year with a whole host of fundraising activities during the week leading up to the big day, so keep an eye out around the nursery for details.

## 5 STARS FOR CODIE & THE FOREST FRIENDS KITCHEN

We are very pleased to say that Codie's Kitchen has passed it's first test which was a surprise visit from Environmental Health. They were very impressed with our improvements and we were graded 5 out of 5.

The children are really enjoying our varied menus and are beginning to learn about how their food is prepared and where it comes from. They particularly enjoy the opportunity to join in and help to make their meals. Pizza making is a firm favourite.

All of our spring term menus are on display at the nursery so please feel free to take a look.

