

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a happy and restful Christmas. We would like to welcome Aidan, Oliver and Hugo to our room.

Chinese New Year: 8th Feb

Shrove Tuesday: 9th Feb

Half-term - 15th-19th Feb (return Monday 22nd Feb)

St.Patrick's Day - 17th Feb

St David's Day: 1st March

World Book Day - 3rd March

Mother's Day: 6th March (Brunch - Monday 7th March)

St Patrick's Day: 17th March

Easter break: Friday 25th March - Monday 29th March

- Children on transition to *The Rivers*: Zak, Isaac, Sophie, Theo, Amelia, Isla, Beatrice, Daniel and Emmie



Over the next few months we will be focusing on language. We will be using repetition of favourite songs, stories and rhymes to build on children's vocabulary and understanding. Each week will be focusing on one particular song and story. The *Again Again* research suggests that it is not the number of books, but the repetition of each book that leads to greater learning. It is thought that each time a child hears the book they are picking up new information. The first time it might just be the story, the second time they are noticing details of description, and so on. If a new word is introduced in a variety of contexts (as happened with those who were read three different stories) children are less likely to focus on the new word.

We would like your help deciding which books and stories to introduce to the children. Please let us know which their favourite is.



To celebrate Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey) we will be doing various crafty activities. We would appreciate any donations of paper plates and brown paper or material.

To celebrate Mother's Day we would like to invite mothers/grandmothers to join us for brunch on Monday 7th March. 1 adult per child. Further details and invitations will follow.

Easter Egg decorating - Thursday 24th March. Come along between 2pm and 3pm with a hard-boiled egg and decorate it with your child!



We would also appreciate any donations of kitchen roll tubes for our upcoming bird-watching event.

Reminders: For obvious security reasons, please could we urge you not to let anyone else into nursery once you have been buzzed in. We know that this may feel impolite but it is highly important that staff only buzz in one person at a time. If someone does hold the door for you please decline and buzz the room yourself.

If you haven't signed up to the parent zone, are unsure how, or are unable to do so, please speak to our manager Mrs Lant.

Remember to check out our Facebook page for regular updates about what is happening!



The FOSBNS are still looking for more parents to get involved with fundraising events and ideas. Why not join them and get to know some friendly faces? Email: FOSBNS@outlook.com or check out Friends of Shotley Bridge Nursery school on FB! In particular, we would like to raise money for some staging so that future performances and events can be viewed better by parents. We would also like to purchase some proper woodwork equipment! Speak to a member of staff for details.