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World Book Day was celebrated in relaxing pyjamas and by sharing our favourite books with friends and family. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us reading stories, singing rhymes and contributing to our fundraising for Mid-Cheshire Hospitals Charity.

Ruth and Emily provided delicious themed food which was well received!

Katey and the Pre-School team held an informative school readiness workshop recently and we hope you found this useful. Thank you to all who managed to join us. Let us know if you still need a copy of the information pack.

Primary school places will be offered on Thursday 16th April. Please let your key worker know which school you have accepted so that we can liaise with them and invite school reception teachers to visit us.

Providing children with experiences and opportunities to help them progress and achieve success, is a requirement of the EYFS. The term used is providing "Cultural Capital". We would like you to help the children become more knowledgeable about the world around them. Let us know if you could visit the children at nursery and talk about an aspect of your life that you would like to share. Previously, we have been visited by a vet, dentist, physiotherapist and even a building safety engineer, but the topic could also be a hobby or interest. These experiences really enhance their learning and the children thoroughly enjoy them. Please let us know if you can help.

Staff news:

Bunty will be joining our under 2s rooms, Deers/Hedgehogs from April. She has lots of nursery experience working with all age groups. Some of you may have already met Bunty as she has spent a few days with us already to cover sickness or holidays. We expect to be welcoming more fresh team members over the

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next couple of months as we have new little recruits joining Parklands after the Easter break and during the summer term.

Jane has now had surgery on her hip and is recovering well. We wish her all the very best and look forward to having her back at Parklands in a couple of months time.



Reminders/bits & bobs:

- Our nursery Facebook page gives you weekly information and lots of photographs so that you can see what we all get up to during our days at Parklands. Follow us if you haven't already and comment and share.
- Thank you very much to the parents who have recently written reviews for us on our Google or Facebook pages. They really do make a difference and prospective parents visiting the nursery have commented on them. Any more reviews would be very warmly received!
- **IMPORTANT** - make sure that you close all entrance doors to the nursery fully when you arrive or leave. Please test them after shutting to make sure. Also, do not let anyone else into the building, even if you know who they are. Make one of the team aware that someone else is arriving and they can take over.
- Parklands follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Nutritional Guidance and allergy guidelines, and we are unable to accept any food items brought into nursery unless you have opted to supply your own meals. Our delicious healthy breakfast is available prior to 9am for children who have meals included in their session package.
- Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Gail Charlesworth, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Jane Mullen-Heath and the setting SENCO is Vicky Finnan.

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A gentle reminder that children must not have been administered any paracetamol or ibuprofen based medicine prior to coming to nursery. Your child may seem well enough to attend until the effects wear off and we will then be asking you to collect a poorly child. A list of common illnesses and incubation periods are on each nursery entrance door but give us a ring if you are unsure. We emailed out our sickness and illness policy a few months ago but let us know if you would like a hard copy to refer to.

Parent/Key Worker appointment weeks are due soon and we invite you to book either an in person or telephone slot with your child's Key Worker. This is an opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's development at an organised time as we are aware that handovers can be busy.

The Easter break is quickly approaching. You should have received your invitation for our egg hunt around the grounds on Thursday 2nd April at 10.30am. Eastery attire is welcome and Ruth and Emily are planning refreshments and yummy hot cross buns. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you attend the nursery on Thursday mornings or not.

You should also have received sponsorship forms for our egg hunt to help us raise as much as possible for Mid-Cheshire Hospitals Charity. Take a look at how donations have made a real difference to local hospitals - <https://mchcharity.org/about-us/> It is a great way to get involved and really boost our fundraising efforts.

Please note that Parklands will be closed on Good Friday - 3rd April, Easter Monday - 6th April and Mondays - 4th and 25th May.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Jane, Vicky, Gail and all of the Parklands Team.

