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Selly Oak Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people

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PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY AT ALL TIMES
NEWSLETTER - WEEK ENDING 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It shouldn't matter how slowly a **child** learns as long as we are encouraging them not to stop. ...

SIGNING WORDS FOR THIS WEEK ARE

Play Paint Draw

UNICEF

Take on a sporty challenge and build a brighter future for children
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/fundraise/events/challenge-events/>

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019 - 20

Please find below our key priorities for this year:

QUALITY OF EDUCATION (Based on the baseline data)

- To increase the percentage of boys achieving better than age related expectations in writing.
- To further develop reading skills across the Nursery
- To narrow the gap in attainment between Pupil Premium children and the rest of Nursery.
- To further embed Welcomm into Nursery (Language programme)
- To further develop the Forest School environment and planning at SONS and KNNS including training the staff and showing the impact on children / staff (Key worker target)
- To research key developments and activities within Early Years and to present your findings on a regular basis at SLT and planning meetings at both SONS and KNNS (key worker target)
- To further develop and embed the Music provision across the Nursery environment and within the curriculum (key worker target)
- To revamp and resource the existing Maths story boxes and create 2 new boxes for the Rising 3's (key worker target)
- To create, resource and lead two Impact sessions for the Rising 3's focusing on physical development and language (key worker target)
- To further embed the Health for Life project and to create a cooking area in Nursery (key worker target)

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES

- To further embed behavioural support for parents at Nursery.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- To narrow the gap in attainment between self-confidence and self-awareness and other PSED areas.
- To undertake the process of working towards the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Gold award supporting the children to become confident and resilient as well as providing opportunities to become responsible and respectful across the Nursery curriculum.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- To further develop budget management across the Nursery to maintain the quality of teaching over time across all areas of learning as consistently good with many elements of outstanding.
- To further embed the Nursery Schools Federation to ensure we have a robust framework to set the strategic direction of the Schools and monitor progress across the Federation
- To further strengthen the impact of leadership on standards across the Nursery (Music / RRSA /Health for Life / R3 Impact session

CURRICULUM

What a busy final week before we break up for half term. In the Creative room the children will continue to make playdough. The children will be creating different models using boxes, feathers, pipe cleaners, scissors, glue and googly eyes.

In the Maths room the children will be learning about length. They will explore different objects and begin to compare the lengths from longest to shortest. The children will explore creating long and short links.

In the Discovery room the children will continue to explore the dentist tools and equipment. They will develop their woodwork skills using hammers, nails, reels and beads. The children will also create pictures about people who help them.

In the Language room the children will begin to create their own story maps for The gingerbread man story book. The children will create their own character for their version of the gingerbread man story using tissue paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, feathers and material. There will be no Forest School this final week as the children will be making their own gingerbread men. As well as that the children will be talking part in a Cook-a-thon as part of the 'Health for Life' project. Children will decide on ingredients they would like to create their very own soup. The children will be involved in cutting, mixing, cooking and most importantly tasting.

How can I help at home?

Ensuring your child arrives at Nursery between 8.45 - 9.15am

Practising the Pre-writing activities at home

Involve your child in cooking activities

Develop their independence: Putting their coat on and off / Putting their socks/shoes on and off

PRE-WRITING IMPACT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Pre-writing Impact workshop. We hope you found it beneficial and have lots of ideas to use at home. We had 49 out of 63 parents attend which is an attendance of 78%. This is our lowest attendance in 4 years for our Impact sessions. We hope to see more of our parents at the next session on early Maths. If you did not attend a session please meet with your child's key worker so they can explain the session and the pack to you.

PRE-WRITING IMPACT HOME ACTIVITY

This week why not try using some shaving foam in a tray with your child, this will enable their fine motor skills to develop further. Shaving foam is a fantastic material for children to explore as they make a series of marks and draw pictures, always encourage your child to give meaning to their marks. It is also a great opportunity to develop your child's language as they describe the texture of the shaving foam.

REAR ENTRANCE OPENING TIMES

Please be aware that the rear entrance is only open between 8.45am-9.15am and 2.55pm-3.10pm each day. If you arrive late and the gate is closed please use the front entrance on Tiverton Road as staff are not allowed to open the rear entrance during the day.

SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT SELLY OAK

We need your help telling other parents about Selly Oak Nursery School's excellent work with children. One way current parents or carers can assist is by leaving positive reviews on Google.

Another way is to write a positive comment about the school and sending it to Peter McKinney on p.mckinney@sellyoak-nur.bham.sch.uk, which will be added to the testimonials page on our website. If you are interested in recording a short video to be used on the website and social media then please contact Peter in the School Office.

READING DIARIES

Well done to...

Mahad for getting a bronze certificate this week

CHILDREN'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

Some excellent Maths and Literacy resources

PARENTS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK CORONAVIRUS

Message from Clive Heaphy, Chief Executive (Acting), and Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health

All of you will be aware of the growing global concern about the new coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China. Public Health England has published a [Q&A blog](#) which is regularly updated as things change.

We are monitoring the situation as it develops and working closely with our partners in the NHS and Public Health England. The risk to the UK, and Birmingham, currently remains low and although there are now two confirmed cases in the UK, these are not in the West Midlands.

However, it's a good time to remind everyone of the simple steps to prevent the spread of this type of respiratory virus through regular [handwashing](#) and using a tissue when we sneeze or cough to ['Catch it, Kill it, Bin it'](#).

We will continue to keep you updated

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 2020

Well done to all classes for attendance 95% and above! Keep it up...

GROUP	PERCENTAGE	COMMENT
Blue Group	100%	Well done!
Orange Group	100%	Well done!
Yellow Group	93%	
Red Group	91%	
Purple Group	85%	
Red Group	84%	

Please note that our attendance for the autumn term dropped to 93% for the whole Nursery.

This is an all time low! Ofsted look for over 96% so we need to try really hard this term to see if we can improve this.

REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Children need to wear sensible shoes that do not have laces. Shoes with laces are a tripping hazard and are not appropriate for nursery.

- All children need a complete change of clothes in their school bag. The staff will be checking this week. All clothes, including coats, **must be named**. Please leave the bag on the child's peg and check regularly. If a child has an accident, soiled clothes will be on their peg at the end of the day.
Please do not leave any other bags OR wellies/boots
- **THE BOOK PEOPLE'S 'BIG BOOK BOOST' WHAT IS BIG BOOK BOOST?**
Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with the book people over £10, they will donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books! With your help, they aim to donate 1 MILLION BOOKS to UK Schools by 2022. So please help us!
- **WE'RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA!** Selly Oak Nursery School is on Facebook and Instagram. Please search for Selly Oak Nursery School on either social media platform and follow us to find information, pictures and lots more.
- **LEAVE A REVIEW ON GOOGLE!** We'd really appreciate it if parents and carers left positive reviews of Selly Oak Nursery School on Google. This helps get the message out to other parents looking for Nursery School provision.
- **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** A reminder that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. Recently we have seen an increase in children who are having holidays during school time.
- **URGENT: SPARE CLOTHES AND WELLINGTON BOOTS**
Please remember to return any spare clothes or boots borrowed from Nursery. We have now run out of all spare trousers for the boys so please return any clothes asap. Please ensure your child always has a spare change of clothes in their bag.
- **CUTLERY IN LUNCHBOXES** - Please remember to provide a fork, knife or spoon in your child's lunchbox if they need one.
- Please ensure that all library books are put back in the correct way as some books have missing inserts. The books that have red plastic inserts need to go in the red box, the yellow plastic insert books need to go in the yellow box and the blue plastic insert books need to go in the blue box.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 14th February	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 24th February	Nursery opens for Spring 2 term
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book day dress up
Monday 9 th March	Ash End Children's Farm trip: Blue / Red / Green
Thursday 12 th March	Physical Development Impact 9.30am Orange group
Thursday 19 th March	Ash End Children's Farm trip: Purple / Yellow / Orange
Friday 3rd April	Last day of Spring 2 term

INSET DAYS (Nursery closed):

Monday 20th April/ Wednesday 24th June / Wednesday 1st July
Please note that Friday 8th May is a bank Holiday for the VE celebrations in the UK.