



**WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL
INFANT AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER**

**Being Kind, Confident Minds,
Ready for Life Long Learning
Spring Term Issue 3
Friday 27 January 2023**



Strike Action

Please see separate email that was sent this week regarding strike action, the school/nursery will be closed on Wednesday 1st February and will reopen as usual on Thursday 2nd February.

Reminder—Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, you must report this to the office before **9.30am**. You can leave a message on the absence voicemail or email absence@fieldinfants.herts.sch.uk

Please leave the following information:

- Child's name & class
- Reason for absence - please explain the symptoms your child has, it is not enough to say unwell or ill.

The school policy is that if a child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they need to be off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness / loose bowel movement. This is to help prevent illness from spreading around school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 1st February—
School/Nursery Closed (see above)**

**Friday 10th February—Non Uniform Day
(Vaisakhi Day)**

Monday 13th-Friday 17th February

School & Nursery closed for Half Term

Thursday 30th March

Last Day of Term for Nursery

Friday 31st March

Last Day of Term for School (finish 1.10pm)

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 88.8%

Target for all children: 96%

School Holidays

The school term dates until July 2024 are now on the school website under News and Dates / Term Dates. Please check these before you book any time away as we cannot authorise absence from school during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.



If your child is on holiday during term time this will go on their record as an unauthorised absence. We monitor attendance closely and if attendance is persistently low, the county Attendance Officer may be involved.

This Week's Learnersaurus Awards


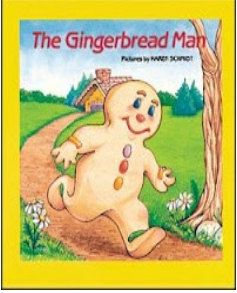



Nursery	Scarlett (Hedgehogs)	Harlee (Rabbits)
Nursery	Dani (Woodpeckers)	
Owls	Hareem	Piper
Robins	Harry	Hirah
Squirrels	Kya	Hruthvik
Foxes	Monty	Isla
Kingfishers	George	Esme
Otters	Mahnoor	Dhiaan

2 hours 4 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.55am (doors open from 8.45am)

Nursery starts at 8.30am (morning / all day) or 12.30pm (afternoon) - please arrive on time as it's just as important for Nursery as School to be punctual!

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery</p> <p>We have enjoyed beginning to learn about the Chinese New Year celebrations and have made dancing dragons and lanterns. We also pretended to cook food and had a try at using chopsticks within our role play area. We have continued our learning of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have been encouraging the children to recall and sequence the events in the story.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p> <p>This week we have focused on different parts of the Gingerbread Man story and as a class we wrote sentences about the beginning, middle and end of the story. In Maths, we have counted different objects, matched them with the numerals, compared different groups and found different ways to find total.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p> <p>This week we continued looking at 'The Three Little Pigs' and looking at the structure of sentences and the story. In Maths, we compared numbers to 20 and ordered them on the basis of their place value. We also thought about the Chinese New Year. In Science, we identified the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and named 1 of each in our school environment. In Geography we again looked at naming the four countries of the United Kingdom.</p>  	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p> <p>This week in English we have been innovating the story of 'Jack and the beanstalk', changing the characters and objects in the story. In Maths, we have been exploring written addition methods. We explored the events of the Great Fire of London and put them into chronological order on a timeline. On Monday, we celebrated Chinese New Year and it was lovely to hear from some of the children how and why they celebrate.</p> 

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

- Nursery** Next week we will be focusing our learning on the story called The Three Billy Goats Gruff. This will include identifying the characters, recalling what happens next in the story and joining in with key phrases like "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge".
- Reception** Next week, we are continuing to explore our story, trying to innovate the story by changing the characters with some of the arctic animals. In Maths, we are going to consolidate counting of objects and finding a total.
- Year 1** We will start to innovate our own version of the 3 little pigs, changing the characters and the houses. In Science, we will be identifying how plants start growing from seeds and bulbs and predicting what something might grow into. In Geography, we will be naming and identifying the seas that surround the United Kingdom. In Maths, we will be starting to think about doubling and halving to 20.
- Year 2** English: Next week we are going to be writing a class innovation on 'Jack and the beanstalk'
Maths: We are going to be learning about written methods of subtraction.
Topic: We are going to explore the physical and human features of London.

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 30th January

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Pork Sausages with Gravy & Creamed Potatoes	Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes		Quorn Hot Dog (v) with Potato Wedges or Pasta	Crispy Coated Salmon with Oven Chips or Pasta
GREEN	Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (v)	Mild Vegetable Curry (ve) with Rice	School Closed	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (v) with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) with Oven Chips or Pasta
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
BLUE	Cheese Baguette (v)	Chicken Mayo Wrap		Ham Roll	Egg Roll (v)
DESSERT	Strawberry Mousse	Fruit Salad		Fresh Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Brick Wall

HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Please spend time with your child to explore this week's challenge. The teachers will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every Friday.

Nursery:

Baby Bear loves to cuddle his favourite teddy bear. Do you have a favourite teddy bear? Draw, paint or collage a picture of your favourite teddy bear.

Reception:

In your child's book bag there is a photo of a Polar bear. Can you label/write a sentence about the bear? Remember to use finger spaces after each word.



Year 1: choose one option

Please see spellings for this week based on the plural suffix (-s and -es).

Can you identify the four countries of the UK on a map? What facts can you find out about each one? (Think about the national flower, flag, languages, famous landmarks, famous people).



Year 2:

In history, we have been discussing the term 'chronological'. Can you create a timeline of your life or someone you know making sure it is in chronological order.

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