

# March Newsletter



**Welcome to our March Newsletter.** We hope you had a great February half term break! We are looking forward to our Spring 02 term and what we have planned for the children.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Kelly Chadzyska to our team. Kelly will be working to support our SEN team.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to a local resident who kindly donated a big play outdoor climbing frame for the children to enjoy and thank you to a very kind parent who took their time to help collect and rebuild, without their help and support this would not have been possible.

## Dates for your Diary:

**11th - 15th March** - Red Nose Week - Wear red to pre-school week

**18th - 29th March** - Living Eggs - Ready Hatch Programme

**5th April** - Pre-school closes for half term

**24th April** - Pre-school opens

**3rd May** - Trip to Eco Farm!

**6th May** - Bank Holiday

**24th May** - Pre-school closes

**3rd June** - Pre-school opens

## Fundraising.....

We would like to thank everyone for their support during our Christmas Fayre. We managed to raise £130.95 which we have put towards resources for the children.

Thank you to Connie for organising our Christmas Fayre and thank you to all the staff and committee who helped run the stalls and thank you to the parents who came and supported our Fayre.

## Save the Children—Christmas Jumper Week

The children looked wonderful in their Christmas Jumpers and with your kind support we managed to raise £14 for Charity.



## Home Learning & Tapestry

We will be adding a 'child' to every Tapestry Account in the next couple of weeks called '**Setting to Home Information**'. We will use this to be able to communicate with parents/carers through Tapestry. We will be able to upload Newsletters and Documents to this for you and we will also be adding home learning sheets to this for you to be able to do at home.





## **Reminders:**

### **Fees**

Please ensure that these are paid by the date specified on the invoice and paid into our account. Our preferred way of payment is BACS.

### **Facebook**

Please 'Like' us on Facebook for regular updates and importance notices i.e. closures.



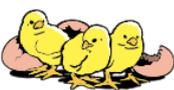
### **Bags**

Please provide a named bag for your child to bring to all pre-school sessions that they attend. If bags are not sent in, letters in the draws may be missed and not be sent home.

### **Lunchboxes**

We are a nut free pre-school, we also want to promote healthy eating and would request that **no chocolate or sweets** are in lunchboxes, chocolate biscuits are ok.

## **Living Eggs**



We are very excited to have the opportunity of a unique ten day chick hatching programme, as seen on Channel 4's—The Secret Life of 4 Year Olds. The children will be able to watch the chicks hatch and help look after them in the setting.



GREEN DRAGON ECO FARM

Thank you to everybody who returned the permission slips for our trip. This has now been booked and we are counting down the days until our exciting trip on the 3rd May.

## **Small ways you can help support our preschool**

New Millside Pre-school is a registered charity and we therefore rely on donations from parents/carers towards treats and essentials such as:

Educational visits from Zoolab, End of Term parties (Summer and Christmas), Entertainer/Magician, Gifts to make at Christmas/Easter/etc, a visit and gift from Father Christmas, Fruit and Cleaning equipment, Consumables and being able to maintain our garden.



New Millside Pre-school have joined the Aylesbury Vale Lottery. Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week and for every £1 ticket sold 60p will go towards the Pre-school. [www.valelottery.co.uk/support/new-millside-pre-school](http://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/new-millside-pre-school)

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### **Donation Box**

We have a donation box out at the start and end of each session. We would appreciate any items from washing up liquid, A4/A3 paper, batteries, kitchen towel, toilet roll, antibacterial spray, wipes, nappy bags, pens, bulbs and plants for our garden, fruit, soil, sand, gravel etc.

### **Voluntary Donations**

Unfortunately the Government will not be increasing our hourly funding rates, even though the costs of wages, pensions, rent, training and much more are due to rise. Therefore, we are carrying a shortfall i.e. the difference between what the Government pay and our cost to deliver a session, we would therefore appreciate any help in voluntary donations either being an amount paid into our account or consumables.

## **Thank you for your continued support**