

8th February 2021

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Hello Everyone,

Half Term already, we have had a busy time, learning about dinosaurs, nature and the garden, our emotions, storytelling and finishing it off with learning about china and Chinese new year.

Half-term Arrangements for Positive COVID-19 cases.- Preschool should and will continue to respond to any notifications of positive cases in their school community over the half-term. Therefore I would like to make you aware of the arrangements to inform us, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the half term. Please email the preschool at: stoweybearspre-school@outlook.com. We advise you not to call the preschool number during half term as this will not be monitored. We will then communicate to parents in the usual way if we need to inform you of any closures and isolation periods

Half Term Challenge – This half term we would like to set you a challenge of biscuit baking, any shape, any size and decorate. Baking together is a good way to get children listening and following instructions, also gives them pride to create something and be pleased with what they achieve. Please try and add pictures to your child’s tapestry account.

We would also like to see how creative you can be with pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, we would normally make pancakes with the children but it falls in half term this year

Lisa – After half term Lisa will be stepping back fully into the manager position, she has been working closely with the team since January and has got to know all the children that are attending at present. Tina will still be around for a couple of weeks, and will stay on as bank staff for the preschool.

Attendance after half term – Please let us know if your child is attending after half term, or if they are remaining home until lockdown is over, we are holding your child’s place and sessions for whenever they return.

Parent Declaration forms – If your child is not attending and we claim entitlements for them you will of received an email of the form, which asks you to return an email stating that it is correct, please **if you haven’t returned it could you do so**, as if you do not reply, we don’t have it to show to our local authority, then they may not pay the funding and we then in turn may have to charge you the fees.

Comic Relief – We will be taking part in comic relief in March, we feel it is important that children learn empathy and kindness to others, we will teach them about why we fundraise for others and how it can help. This year comic relief have removed plastic rom their red noses and are going for a carnival theme, so during the week and for a donation the children can wear fancy dress, bright colours, headdresses etc and we will have some fun activities to do with them.

Next Term Themes

22nd – 26th February – Pirates , There has been a lot of pirate play in the setting so we will be expanding on this and having some role play

1st – 5th March – **Under the Sea**, To extend on our pirate theme we will be looking at what is in our oceans, and how we can protect them.

8th – 12th March – Spring , we will be looking at the season change, the weather, plants, birds and insects.

15th – 19th March – Comic Relief

22nd March – 1st April – Easter, We will be learning about the Easter story, and why we celebrate it and we will be doing lots of craft activities and maybe a easter bonnet parade

Other significant dates we will be celebrating **1st March - St David's Day & 17th March - St Patrick's day**

Term dates-

Half term

Last day of this half term Friday 12th February returning Monday 22nd February

Easter Holidays

Please take note our last day before easter holidays is Thursday 1st April (due to good Friday being on the 2nd) and we return on Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Summer half term

Last day Friday 28th May returning Monday 7th June

Summer Holidays

Last day 23rd July returning Monday 13th September

Tina ,Lisa, Sarah, Rachel & Hayley x