

# Buxton School



## Nursery



# Parent Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

This half term our topic is "Plants and Flowers". We will be looking at different types of plants and flowers and what they need to grow. We will also be growing our own cress to have in sandwiches! We will be reading The Gigantic Turnip and Jasper's Beanstalk. We will do activities based on these stories that cover the seven areas of learning, including growing and eating cress! At the same time as this we will be seeing what the children's interests are and making sure that we reflect this in our planning. Let us know of your child's new interests, what they enjoy doing at home and what they like to play with. We can use this information to plan activities for them.

### Reminders

1. We hope you are enjoying reading with your child. Please try to bring reading books to school everyday.
2. The weather can change very quickly and we try to play outside everyday, so please make sure your child is dressed for outdoor play. If your child comes to school in wellington boots, please ensure they have their school shoes to change into.
3. Please ensure your child attends nursery in full school uniform.
4. We need to get our attendance to the school target of 96%

### Focus children

We hope you have enjoyed taking home the nursery camera!

It has been lovely to see all the fun learning you do at home. We will be starting all over again this term so keep your eye out for the camera. It will be nice to see if your children have any new interests and it will give us a chance to see how your children have developed since the last time they had their Focus Week.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

### Term Dates:

Spring 2 begins: Monday 19th February  
Spring 2 ends: Thursday 29th March at 12.30  
(there will be no afternoon session this day)  
Summer 1 begins: Tuesday 17th April  
Summer 1 ends: Friday 25th May

### Key Dates:

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day  
Wednesday 14th March: Cake and Bake Sale  
Thursday 22nd March: Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 27th March: Stay and Play  
Wednesday 28th March: Easter Bonnet Competition  
Every Wednesday: Reading sessions 8.55-9.10 and 12.30-12.45

### Home Learning

If you grow any flowers or vegetables at home over the next few weeks, please bring in some photos to show us!

### Tidy up Rhumba!

We have started a new way of tidying up in nursery. We play the 'Tidy up Rhumba' song to entertain us so we can dance and tidy at the same time. See if you can find it on YouTube.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk about our behaviour during the week and hand out the Nursery Mascot on Fridays

Talk about how we feel when we don't achieve something like when Jasper was sad because his beanstalk did not grow.

## Communication and Language

Reading and listening to lots of different stories.

Singing nursery rhymes

Playing in our greengrocers role-play

Learning the names of different plants and herbs

## Physical Development

Developing our name writing skills

Using different tools to make our own beanstalks

Talk about how we grow and what we need as humans to be healthy and happy

Explore different ways of moving outside

## Literacy

Draw pictures of our favourite parts of the stories we read

Predict what will happen next while reading

Look at the pictures and words in lots of stories

Listen for the initial sounds in words

# Plants and Flowers

## Mathematics

Counting and how many trees and plants we can see in the outdoor area

Look at the different heights of plants and flowers around us.

Play in our role-play area using language related to money

## Understanding The World

Tasting different vegetables from around the world cooked and uncooked

Learn about different occupations each week

Use the internet to research different plants and flowers.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Act out scenes from our stories

Use different materials to create 3D beanstalks.

Dancing and singing sessions