

January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. A warm welcome to all our new families starting with us this term too!

General News

We will be taking part in the Big Bird Watch and doing activities week commencing 10th February. The Big Bird Watch links to the Big Garden Watch launched by RSPB. The children will be looking out for different types of birds within our area and going out on walks to see what birds we can see in our local community! We ask if you would be able to make some bird watch binoculars with your child at home, you may like to use empty toilet/kitchen rolls and let your child decorate them ready for us to do some exploring.

With the weather still very unpredictable, please could you ensure your child brings a clearly labelled coat with them for when we play outside, thank you. Could we also ask that you send your child in with clearly labelled wellies as we will be going out on walks to look for our birds.

Could we also send a polite reminder to remember to cut up grapes if you are putting them in your child’s lunch box and that you do send your child in with a spare change of clothes. We would also like to remind you to only share pictures of your own child on social media. We have some children that aren’t allowed on social media and this is part of our safeguarding policy.

I would like to let you know that you can now download the HMRC app. This will allow you to log in and you will be able to do the following:

* Claim and manage your Child benefit payments, including checking when you received payments, reviewing your proof of entitlement and updating bank details
* View or download your income and employment history from the past five years and use the tools like the tac calculator to estimate take home pay
* Check your tax code and find out if you are due any tax back from HMRC and claim a refund if you are due one
* Have access to your National Insurance Number and save it to your phone’s wallet
* Update HMRC on a change of address or other personal details

These are just a few things that you will be able to do if you download the app.

If you have not yet completed the All about me section on your child’s Tapestry account, please can we ask that you completed it or update it if your child’s interests have changed. This will need to be completed on the web version rather than the app.

Completing this information will help us to support your child and we can see what your child likes/dislikes.

Dates for your diaries

* Our last day before February half term will be Friday 14th February 2025.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nicki, Georgina, Sarah, Colleen, Hannah and Natalie.