



Spring Newsletter

Welcome back...

We cannot believe how quickly the time is passing by. In these uncertain times the children have shown great resilience. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who have shown The Shepherd's Hut Outdoor Day Nursery great support and understanding. The demands that have been put on us by Government are changing all the time and we are working hard behind the scenes to keep everyone safe and happy. Thank you to those of you who are following the Covid-19 site operating procedures, this also takes the pressure off our staff.

This term

The weather has been very changeable since we have returned after Christmas, however, this has not stopped us spending the majority of time outside (all day most days). The children have been using their IT skills with the use of torches, turning them off and on when the light fades at the end of the day. We have used them to find a bear in a deep, dark cave and explored different routes around the site.

The snow brought great excitement, allowing us to use the sledges. This enabled risk taking, turn taking, science – (push and pull/freezing & melting), gross motor skills, communication skills, self-esteem and most of all sheer fun and laughter. We also used spray bottles to make rainbows in the snow and used tools and warm water to melt the ice to rescue some dinosaurs who were stuck.

We have also celebrated Burns Night, Australia Day and Winne the Pooh day when we got to eat honey! Chinese New Year is our next celebration.

The wild birds have been fed from our homemade bird feeders and the chickens are cosy in their hen house. The Eco club have been busy choosing areas to plant our newly delivered trees and hedging plants.



News

We are currently trialing a new doorbell app which will allow you to contact us from the comfort of your car. The app will help reduce social distancing and will also allow us to prepare your child for collection quickly, rather than running to and from the gate. Watch this space!

Easter Holiday Club

Our holiday club is now fully booked, please email Callie if you wish to join the waiting list. It begins 6th April – 9th & 13th -16th, Tuesday to Friday.



Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Sophie has now become a permanent member of our team and will be working with us 4 days a week. We also welcome Ellen, who is an Early Years Apprentice working towards her level 3.

Unfortunately we are having to say goodbye to Emilia who started as a volunteer last year and then took on the job of our catering assistant. If you know of anyone interested in a part-time job please email hello@shepherdshutdaynursery.co.uk ref: NSA for further information.