



# Batford Nursery School

## Spring Term 2018 Bulletin



I am thrilled to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of Batford Nursery School and Early Years Centre. I feel very privileged to be leading this "Outstanding" Centre. I look forward to working with you and your children.

I would like to begin by wishing you a Happy New Year, I do hope that you enjoyed the Christmas festivities and are now ready for the busy term ahead. I would like to welcome all of our new families that are starting with us this term.

Welcome to Debbie Wright, Early Years Practitioner who joins us on the 15<sup>th</sup> January as the leader of the Blue Group.

Themes planned for this term

- Frost & Ice
- Birds
- Recycling
- People who help us
- Chinese New Year
- Spring
- Changes/Growing
- Easter

### **Frost & Ice**

During the next few weeks children will be observing changes in frost and ice in the garden.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Encourage your children to touch the frost and ice and talk about how it looks and feels.
- Freeze water to make ice cubes and lollies.
- Use non-fiction books/ipads to explore countries with cold climates.

### **Birds**

Children will be looking at birds in the garden, exploring bird related activities and finding out about birds in their natural habitat.

- "Big Garden Birdwatch" – 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Nite-Owl demonstration team bring their birds in and talk to the children. The children will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) for ideas and activities to do with your children.
- Do a bird watch in your garden/park.
- Read/look at non-fiction books about birds.
- Put out food and don't forget water for the birds.

### **Recycling**

The children will learn how and why we recycle.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Encourage children to recycle at home.
- Talk to them about different types of recycling.
- Support our nursery workshop with "supplies" such as boxes, kitchen rolls, plastic yogurt pots etc.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM....**

### **W/C 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Stay & Play Week**

Parents are invited into nursery on a specific day to be with their children. Please see your Schedule of Events for your child's colour group day.

### **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

#### **Owls visit Batford Nursery**

A visit from Nite-Owls to support the children's learning about birds. Children will have an opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl.

### **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb –**

#### **Coffee Morning /Afternoon**

Parents invited to an informal coffee morning/afternoon.

### **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar - World Book Day**

Children come in to nursery dressed as their favourite book character.

### **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Marvellous Maths Parent Workshop**

A chance to explore and learn how we cover Maths in the curriculum. Spaces are limited so please book via Reception from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Sports Relief Day**

Wear something sporty, children will be taking part in some sporty activities and we will collect a monetary donation.

### **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Mar - Easter Bonnet Parade**

Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it in for a parade. Parents will be invited to watch the parade in the nursery garden weather permitting.

**Group Photos** – these will now take place during the Summer term and we will notify you of the specific date.

### "People Who Help Us"

During this term the children will be learning about "People who help us". We look forward to a visit from the Fire Brigade. If we have any parents or grandparents who are dentists, doctors or nurses etc. who would like to come and talk to the children please let your child's Key Person know.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your children about different occupations.
- Visit the library/read stories about "People who help us".



### Chinese New Year

It is the year of the "Dog". We will be exploring cultural celebrations including dragon dancing, Chinese writing, stories and songs.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Fact finding about China.
- Find China on a globe or map.
- Look at some Chinese writing.

### Spring/Changes/Growing/Easter

We will be exploring changes in the garden. Signs of plants growing, leaves, blossom, changes in the weather. Children will be planting bulbs or seeds. Children will be taking part in an Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit a garden centre.
- Do some planting at home.
- Keep a weather diary.
- Make an Easter bonnet (more details to follow).

### Reminders....

- As the children are regularly putting on coats, hats and wellies please spend time at home encouraging your child to do this independently.
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Batford Early Years Centre (Batford Nursery School, Skylarks Day Care, Little Larks, Children's Centre) are closed for an Inset Day.
- Easter Holidays – last day of term is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March returning Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### Consultations....

W/c 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March there will be an opportunity to have a 10 minute consultation about your child with their Teacher/Key Person.

Please ensure you book a consultation slot nearer the time. Staff are released from the classroom on set days to enable these consultations to take place.

At this consultation please **bring with you** the completed questionnaire which will be given to you prior to your meeting. This forms the basis of discussions.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10am-12pm New Parents Open Day

If you know someone who has a child who is 3 by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 please let them know about our Open Day. Please ask them to contact [admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk) or telephone 01582 713872 to book in.

### Thank you....

For all your donations for the decorated clay tiles, we have used the funds to help purchase the TalesToolKit. This is a communication and imaginative play resource. Staff were involved in initial training during the recent inset day and are very enthused about using the tool kit to support children. For more information visit [www.talestoolkit.com](http://www.talestoolkit.com)

### Tapestry - Urgent

Thank you to all those parents who have already signed up to Tapestry. If you have not yet registered on-line, we have sent you a new activation link. Please register immediately and check your spam e-mail. If you have any difficulties please see Jenni Meeson immediately.

