



April Newsletter

Dates

Summer Term

Summer 1

INSET DAYS - Monday 19th April 2021

Tuesday 20th April 28th to Friday 28th May 2021

3rd May BANK HOLIDAY

HALF TERM - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

Summer 2

Monday 7th June to Friday 16th July 2021 (12:15 finish)

This equates to 37 weeks and 2 days, which is 3 days less than the funded 38 weeks. If you have any queries, please come and see us. Please note that you are not charged for bank holidays and INSET DAYS.

This Term...

This term we will be looking at Princesses and Dragons, Fairy Tales to you and us! We will be focusing on one per week but also reading a variety of others too.

We will be re-introducing cooking and each week on a different day one group will cook. Each child over the half term will have cooked once and they will all cook the same.

We will also be going off on walks again, and so please make sure your child has suitable footwear at all times. Even if the weather is hot the children need to have closed toes, we don't want them squished!

We also have some pets for this term, caterpillars and tadpoles! We are looking forward to watching them change and then be released.

Summer Months

Please may we ask that not only you provide suitable shoes, but that you also apply sun cream at home, there are many brands that last all

day, and if the weather is too hot we would always encourage the children to have some time in the shade. As always we will be encouraging them to drink and their water bottles are always available to them. Please also work on this at home as a lot of children (our own included) are reluctant to drink.

Sports Day

As COVID has stopped us being able to carry out so many things, we have decided to have a sports day. This will take place on Friday 25th June at 10:30 on the large field, all parents are welcome (as well as siblings), even if it isn't your child's usual day, all we ask is that you stay with them and then at the end take them home with you!

End of Term Picnic and Graduation

This year we are determined to send the children off with a celebration. So, we will be holding a family picnic on Thursday 15th July (timings to be arranged) and this will be followed by a graduation for our leavers.

Photographer

We have secured a photographer to come and take some photos of each child. Mark, will be joining us on Monday 24th May and Friday 28th May. More details to follow and all parents will of course be able to bring their children along if it isn't their usual day.

School Places

If you haven't already, and your child is a leaver please can you let us know where your child will be going to school. This way we can make arrangements for a smooth transition both in terms of contacting

the schools but also through discussions and sourcing the correct school uniforms for them to get used to dressing in. We will also be doing a big push this term in preparing the children for school by being able to take and put on their own shoes and socks. Please also practice this at home as this is essential when they do PE at school.

Forest School

We are pleased to announce that as of September we will be introducing forest school sessions. Please may we ask for a show of hands if this is something that you would be interested in. There will be an additional cost but at present we are in the process of finalising formalities and will be able to inform you further in due course.

Parent meetings

Please look out for an invitation to come and join us in an informal catch up to talk about your child's progress and how well they have settled. This will take place outside in the garden with your child's key worker and will be this half term. Your child's key worker will talk to you regarding a mutually convenient time.

Facebook reviews

Thank you to all of you who have already left a Facebook review for us. We will be holding our prize draw on w 1st May so will inform you of who has won. Good luck to all!

Lastly we would like to welcome all of our new children and our student, Ellie, that will be with us until the end of term.

Thank you for all the patience and consideration that you have shown during these difficult times. Hopefully things will start to look up in the coming months as life slowly returns to a kind of normality.

Please remember though we are not out of the woods yet, so social distancing, frequent hand washing and masks are still very much of a fixture.

If you have any queries or questions no matter how small they may seem, please come and ask and speak to us. Times are very challenging, and we will support you as much as we can. Our working hours are between 7am and 6pm and we will endeavour to respond to your emails/phone calls within this time.

Best wishes

Shamira and Claire and the Totterdown Team