

# Ripe Nursery School Chronicle

## Last week...

### Pancake day, tool bench, using wheelies...

Last week Wise Owls enjoyed a visit from Sonny's Dad Brian, who showed the children a variety of electrical items to extend our learning on 'How things Work'. He brought along items for the children to hold and we talked about safety with electricity. We finished the session by creating a giant circuit and making a light come on! Thank you Brian! We have built on this by borrowing the electrical sets from Laughton Primary School and the children have been able to make their own circuits. In Little Owls, the children have been busy working in the builder's role play. They have focussed on their counting and have been taking opportunities in their play to work on this. In The Nest, the children have been out in their garden using the slide and cars for their physical development. The weather hasn't stopped any of us being outside everyday!



### Kit Bags...

After all the muddy days we had last term, please check that your child has a complete change of clothes on their peg at Nursery School, in case of accidents or splashy water play!

Thanks to those who have confirmed their sessions for September. We now have just a few afternoon slots available in Ripe until the end of the school year. In The Nest, we have Fridays available at the moment so if you wish to add to your current hours please speak to Miss Kate or Miss Julie. If you are intending to start your little one at The Nest in September, or at any other point during the next school year, please also let us know so that we can reserve the space as these spaces are very limited.



## Next week...

### World Book Day, The Gingerbread Man, jelly ...

Next week we'll be celebrating World Book Day by sharing some of our own favourite stories with the children and by sharing the ones they bring in from home. We'll be reading everywhere, including outside! The Little Owls will be using 'The Gingerbread Man' as their focus story and will be making gingerbread biscuits, having messy play with ginger and flour and will be rebelling the story. In Wise Owls, we're going to look at stories about the weather, particularly ones with windy days! If the weather continues as last week, we'll be doing some kite flying and finding out how windmills and wind turbines work, as well as making our own. We'll look at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. In The Nest the children will be continued to explore different textures in their play; this week, there will be 'snow' and jelly!

## World Book Day...

...Is next Thursday, 5th March. We would like to invite the children to dress up as a book character on that day and to bring in the book associated with their costume so that we can share them at story time. If Thursday isn't your child's usual day, they are welcome to dress up on another day that week.

We also have a special 'Book Day Bedtime Story' happening at Ripe that evening. We would like to invite you to bring your child back to nursery school in the evening, in their pyjamas, for a hot chocolate and a bedtime story! Staff will be reading stories, we will watch an author reading their story on the big screen and you will be able to share stories with your child. We hope that this will be an exciting 'book event' for the children and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible! We will run the session from 6.00 to 6.30 so that the children can be home for bedtime! This is for children in The Nest as well as Little Owls and Wise Owls.



Don't forget we have an ongoing 'grown ups' book swap basket in the foyer at Ripe; do have a browse and help yourself to any/swap any that you have.

## Tapestry

We always love hearing about what the children have been doing at home and about their achievements. Don't forget that you can add to Tapestry yourself from home. There doesn't have to be a photo, just a note is great! If you do add photos, they are a great talking point for us with your child. We also know that the children enjoy sharing photos that we have added, it has been lovely to hear that even the children in The Nest enjoy pointing out favourite friends or toys!

## Mothering Sunday...

...Is on March 22nd and we are delighted to have been invited to sing in Church again. Those of you who have been before will know that this is a lovely occasion for families; the children will be creating some artwork to be displayed and will sing a song about how special our Mums are! There will also be flowers for the children to give to their Mums/Grandmas/Aunties/special ladies! Invitations for this will be going out in book bags next week; we would be very grateful if you could let us know if you're able to attend. This year it will take place in Laughton Church and is open to all nursery families and friends.

## Summer term trip...

Advance notice about our whole Nursery School trip in the Summer Term. We are thrilled to once again be offered a trip to Drusillas, many thanks to the Poland family! The trip will take place on Thursday 7th May. More details will follow soon but as we invite parents along to this with their children we wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can make arrangements. We have chosen this date for our trip so that we can avoid having to move/close for the day as there will be more local elections held that day in both halls. The early May Bank holiday will fall the next day, Friday 8th May as it has been moved from the Monday, so there will be no Nursery School that day.

### WHAT'S ON...

#### This week:

Thursday 5th March:

World Book Day celebrations\_ Dressing up as a book character during the day.

Big bedtime Story in Ripe 6pm-6.30pm

Thursday 5th March: Baby and Toddler Group at The Nest, Laughton, 1.30-2.45

#### Future Dates:

Sunday 22nd March: Mothering Sunday Service in Laughton Church, 10.30am

Friday 3rd April: Last day of Spring Term

Monday 20th April: Back to Nursery School, start of Summer Term

Thursday 7th May: Trip to Drusillas for The Nest, Little Owls and Wise Owls

Friday 8th May: Bank Holiday (Nursery School Closed)

