MILLINGTON NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH/APRIL NEWS SHEET

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are now fast approaching the end of the Second Term. This year seems to be passing by very quickly, but we do hope you are seeing your child progress and develop in a happy and relaxed atmosphere.

Our topic over the next few weeks will be Springtime, the Farm and Easter. We would love to have a visit from some farm animals, if you have a contact for calves, lambs, chicks, rabbits etc, please speak to a member of staff.

We will be looking at different pastel colours and oval shapes. Please take some time to talk with your child about these different themes and have a hunt around your home to see if you can find any oval shaped and pastel-coloured items.

**Parent Liaison**

The teaching staff are very happy with the progress being made by all our children. If we feel we need to speak to you about your child’s development, we will arrange an appropriate time.

**Gardening Group March 6th**

We are very grateful for the support that we have received for these afternoons. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as we try and get out playground ready for the summer term. This is for parents and children and will run from 1.30pm until 2.45pm.

**Bring A Mum and Dad to School**

We have been running these sessions successfully for many years and we know both children and parents have really enjoy having the opportunity to come to play in school afterhours. The concept is simple – bring your Mum or Dad to school to play just like your children do every day.

The school will be open in the evening from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. In the past our parents have really appreciated spending special time with their child. The children do not have to attend every week, but we would love to see as many of our children and their parents as possible joining in with us. If you are unavailable to attend, a Granny or Granda, Aunt or Uncle may accompany your child.

The dates are as follows: -

Bring a DAD to School Thursday 7th March from 5.30-6.30pm

Bring a MUM to School Wednesday 13th March from 5.30-6.30pm

Bring a Mum or Dad to School Thursda**y** 21st March from 5.30-6.30pm

**Comic Relif Red Nose Day- Wear your Pyjamas to school Day**

On Friday 15th March we hope to raise a little money which will go towards Comic Relief. The children may come to school wearing their pyjamas if they wish. (They may also wear, something red, odd socks or their clothes back to front or topsy-turvy, the crazier the better!) They may also bring a favourite teddy bear, please make sure there is a name on the bear.

This will be a fun day when we will focus on reading lots of stories to the children, and we will talk about the importance of a good night sleep and being kind to others who may not be as fortunate as we are.

We are asking of a donation of £1 per child towards this charity fundraising event, please place this in a sealed and labelled envelope.

Outdoor Play Day

We are planning our second outdoor play day (date to be confirmed) in March, we are hoping for a day with good weather so that we can get the campfires lit again. We are hoping to cook some sausages, garlic bread and make hot chocolate. All the activities will be outside from first thing in the morning. We will let you know when this is happening so that the children have appropriate clothing on. (Potential dates Wednesday 13th or 20th Friday 8th or 22nd

**Easter Fun Day Wednesday 27th March.**

On this day we are planning an Easter Fun Day. We have planned an Egg Hunt within the school grounds and hopefully the Easter Bunny and a few Easter chickens will pay us a visit. **School will close at 11am on this day.**

**Sponsored Cycle to School Day – Wednesday 10th April**

We are planning to hold our annual sponsored cycle after the Easter holidays. The children will be able to come to school on their bicycles (if they have one) or we will provide them with one.

We hope to be able to complete 5 laps of the enclosed playground of the Primary School. Staff will also be taking part.

We will be talking to the children about keeping safe while riding their bikes and the importance of wearing safety helmets.

We will send the sponsor sheet home with the children before the Easter holidays.

We appreciate your support with our fund-raising efforts, we realise that money is tight for everyone at the present time! We will use the funds raised to purchase new equipment for the children to play with.

**Holidays**

The School Closures for the rest of the year are as follows-

**All dates are inclusive.**



**Monday 18th March - St Patricks Day**

**Thursday 28th March - Easter Holidays**

**School will recommence on Tuesday 9th April.**

**Friday 3rd May - - Holiday**

**Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday**

**Friday 24th May - Staff Development Day**

**Monday 27th May - Bank Holiday**

Term will finish for this year on Friday 28th June.

Thank you for your co-operation in all these matters and for all your help and support during these past two terms.

Mrs Tanya Millar, Mrs Savage, Mrs J McKittrick, Mrs Stretton and Mrs Curran

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**Song of the Month**

See the little bunny sleeping, ‘Till it’s nearly noon.

Shall we gently wake him with our merry tune.

Oh, how still, is he ill? Wake up soon.

Hop, little bunny, hop, hop, hop.

Hop, little bunny, hop, hop, hop.



