



Newsletter February 2021

I cannot believe we are still in these uncertain times nearly a year on! I would like to wish you all happier times ahead for the New Year.

We are a few weeks into the spring term already and I would like to share some information and dates for your diary.

Those that have chosen to keep their children at home please let us know if you need any tips, advice or help with anything. We will continue to have phone contact. This also applies to our parents who have returned.

Test Centre

As you may be aware from Monday 11 January 2021, a new lateral flow device rapid testing site opened at St Aidan's Church, The Fairway, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4QW, and will enable people to get results within one hour. This centre is for those who do not have symptoms of COVID-19. It will be open from 2 to 6pm on Monday, and will then be open from 7am to 6pm from Tuesday onwards, seven days a week. This can be booked on www.southend.gov.uk/gettested

Please remember if you do have symptoms book a test and stay at home until your isolation period ends.

If you need any help or guidance please do not hesitate to call us.

Children's Independence

Children have been practicing taking off/ putting on their own shoes and socks. Please ensure shoes are manageable for your child to do independently. A sense of achievement at this stage is vital.

Please make sure all children's belongings are labelled with their names.

Car park

Although the overall school grounds are quieter than normal, we are still seeing parents parking in the top car park. This car park is for Rascals Nursery only unless you have a disabled badge in which case you may park in the disabled space only. Please do **NOT** block any car in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fees

A little reminder of our fees, some children have not returned to Pre-School due to the current situation we are all in. As we are still open and providing a service we still need the fees to be paid. I know these are worrying and difficult times so if you need a payment plan set up please let myself, Sam or Raynor know.

Treasure Hunt

A Treasure hunt will take place for the February half term. If you have never done this before it is a fun activity you can do with your children even in lock down! You will be helping the Pre-School to raise some money for our book corners. We will be sending the forms home in the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary

February 15th-19st **HALF TERM CLOSED - Treasure Hunt**

March 4th World Book Day

March 25th Spring Party AM (**NO SESSION PM**) pending Covid-19 situation.

March 29th-9th April **Easter holidays CLOSED**

May 3rd **Bank Holiday CLOSED**

May 31st-4th June **HALF TERM CLOSED**

July 19th Children's last day. Break up for the summer holidays.

Stay safe and stay home.

Thank you, Tracy