**Bligh’s Lane Nursery School**

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***Easter Newsletter***

# **Monthly Theme**

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# **Songs and Rhymes**

## Little Peter Rabbit Humpty Dumpty

Little Rabbit Foo Foo Chook, Chook, Chook

 Five Fat Sausages Five Shiny Eggs

 Hickety Pickety 3 Sticky Lollipops

##  5 Little Rabbits Ride a Cock Horse

 One Potato 5 Little Ducks

# **GRtL- Education Works in Pre-School: Helping your child at home**

Here are some more ways that you can help to reinforce our topic and also ways to encourage good behaviour at home:

* Point out oval shapes or patterns at home or in town - if possible
* Talk about what you are doing when you are dividing up cakes or sandwiches – use the words ‘divide’, ‘cut in half’ etc.
* Name the shapes of the sandwiches – or ask your child what shape of sandwich / piece of bread they would like
* Let your child help you set the table – tell them how many knives and forks you need and talk to them about Left and Right – they are already doing this in school
* If you have time (maybe at the weekends) encourage your child to dress himself/herself – your child is at a stage where he/she wants to do things for him/herself. This activity not only develops confidence, independence, and physical skills, but also logical thinking and sequencing skills.
* Buy some stickers for encouraging good behaviour at home – they mean so much to your child and are a visible sign of your approval

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**EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

The Easter Bunny will hide some Easter Eggs in the playground before Easter – usually during the last week before the Easter holidays. The children will then have an Easter Egg hunt (only one Egg each unfortunately!)

The children will visit Bananas in the Bowling Alley on **Wednesday 27th March** – please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately – LONG SLEEVES MUST BE WORN (to prevent friction burns) and all children should be wearing shoes with Velcro tapes. This is our last day of school before the Easter holidays**. There will be no dinner on this day and children should be collected at the school at 11.30am.**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

The school will be closed from **Thursday 28th March – Friday 5th April** **(inclusive)** for the Easter Holidays. **We return to school on Monday 8th April.**

**SNACK MONEY**

We thank you for your continued contribution of £3 per week towards our school fund. If you have forgotten to pay over the last few weeks we ask that you begin to do so. This money is used towards providing breakfast snacks for the children everyday. We also use it for any little extras such as cooking ingredients, extra art supplies and special treats.

**TISSUES!**

We are going through tissues at an alarming rate at the minute! We ask for a donation of a box of tissues from each family and that way we should have enough to see us through the rest of ‘runny nose season!’

**ST PATRICK’S DAY**

We will some Irish Dancers and musicians in the school on Friday 15th March to entertain the children. Parents are welcome for the performance from 12.30. **Don’t forget to wear your Green that day!**

**The school will be closed on Monday 18th March**

**BOOK BAGS**

We ask that you return bookbags on a Monday or Tuesday. It is very difficult if many parents don’t return until later in the week as it doesn’t allow us time to get the books changed.



**FACEBOOK AND SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Remember to check out our facebook page by searching for Bligh’s Lane Nursery School or visit our website at <http://blighslanenurseryschool.com/>. You will find news and updates as well as newsletters, photos and other useful information. Please also check your Teachkloud regularly as important information is often sent via the App.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The school photographer will visit on Friday 22nd March. Every child will have 3 different ‘poses’ taken. You will receive a small sample of each of the poses and examples of the various sizes available, and you can then decide if you want to buy any of them. Photographs will be taken during class times. We ask that children wear school uniform on the day as we will also have a class photo taken. You may also bring other members of the family if you wish- photographs of family members will be taken as soon as the photographer is set up, usually from 8.15am, so come early if you want photos of your other child / children taken.

**ECO-SCHOOLS**

Our eco-schools team continue to work hard to maintain our Green Flag and Eco-School of the year 2022-23 status. The children continue to partake in the ‘Daily Mile’ and record the weather on the outdoor board using ‘The Weatherbies’ characters.

We have lots of activities planned for the months ahead including a visit from the founder of The Weatherbies, Yvonne Fleming, and a partner with eco-schools. She will talk to the children and share stories and songs based on recycling, growing fruit and vegetables and sharing with the children the connection between climate and environment. She will, of course, talk about their friends Sammy Sun, Rosie Rainbow and Ronnie Rain to name but a few!

We are also continuing to work on our Green Tree Schools award and plan to achieve Silver status in Term three with a trip to The Gransha Park woodland area. We will also strive to cut down on CO2 emissions in school by switching off unused lights and monitor our energy use. Finally, our little eco warriors will decorate a cherry blossom tree in the car park on the run up to Easter.

We need to say a HUGE thank you to Grace’s dad and grandad who have offered to help us decorate the outdoor playground by painting fences and the playhouse in time for the Spring and Summer terms. We also extend a thanks to Lavender’s daddy to has helped us with lots of ‘DIY’ jobs in the past few months. It is always great to have some helping hand on board!

**VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks too to our Breakfast Club volunteers who have come in to give us a hand in the mornings. We are sure you can appreciate how busy the nursery environment is- it is so helpful to have an extra person in the room. There is a new March sign up sheet in the hall for each class or if you can commit to something more regular we would be delighted to hear from you.

**NURSERY SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY**

As a designated Nursery School of Sanctuary we received a small amount of funding to continue our projects this year. We decided to spend it on garden furniture, namely a seating bench, a some wooden planters to develop our ‘Garden of Sanctuary.’ These items will be located on the path to the Secret Garden to make it more welcoming and brighter with colourful flowers in the Summer.

**PARENT GOVERNOR**

The reconstitution of the Board of Governors for the school is currently underway. This means that we look from volunteers from our parent body who will represent families interests on our board. The role is a really important part of the everyday running of the school and allow you to have your say. The term of the job is four years and involves attending approximately three meetings per year.

If you would be interested in this role please speak to Mrs Woods as soon as possible. Thanks.

**CAR PARK**

We appeal to all parents and carers, again, to STOP using the car park! We have seen a few ‘near misses’ where cars are driving too fast and nearly hitting children or parents. It will be too late to be sorry if there is an accident!

I do not want to have to close the school gates, as it looks very unwelcoming, but I will resort to this is the dangerous behaviour doesn’t stop. Please ensure that ANYONE dropping off your child knows that the car park is for staff only or by prior arrangement with the principal. Thank you

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

 Faith McCourt Aria McElroy

 Fionn Carlin Cassie Mellon

 Kayden Coulter

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