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# Nursery News March 2021

## Message from the Head of Federation

Hi All

I just wanted to start with saying how wonderful it is to have our nursery full of children again. We have gone on such a journey together during the COVID pandemic and it is our wonderful collaboration that has made our nursery community as safe as it possibly can be. Thank you.

We finish school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If your child presents with symptoms of COVID and tests positive for COVID on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April or Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April please call me on **07775411769** and I will have to contact staff and children that were close contacts and ask them to self-isolate for 10 days. From **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April** if you child or a household/extended household family member tests positive for COVID please email **admin1000@welearn365.com** and please share the date you have been asked to self-isolate until. Thank you, by doing this you are helping us reduce the risk of transmission within our community.

Just a reminder that if you or a member of your household have one of the three main COVID symptoms you have to self-isolate and book a FULL PCR test – a lateral test cannot be used for presentation of the main symptoms.

There is a wonderful new app that the local authority has put together called 50 things to do before your 5 Warwickshire – here is the link to the website. Please do have a look!

<https://warwickshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome>

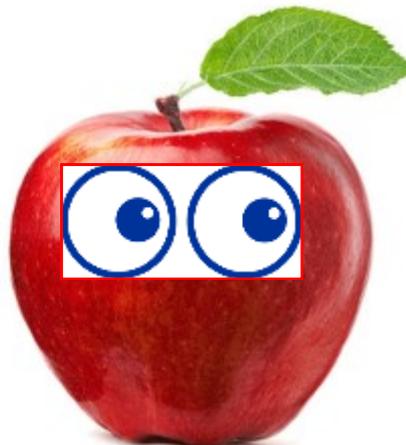
The children and family centre will be starting to be used more by families after the Easter holidays – could we please make sure we are keeping space for their service users to enter and exit their building and us all keeping 2 metres socially distanced. Thank you for your support with this – so many new processes have had to be followed this year!

If I do not see you during next week – I hope you have a good Easter holidays and we look forward to moving into Summer Term and welcoming some new children and families to our nursery community.

Nicci

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Fund Target  
£1,200**

Our account details are:  
Account No: 38951760  
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please quote your child's name  
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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 2nd April- 16th 2021</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 19th April 2021</b>	<b>Children return to Nursery</b>
<b>Monday 3rd May 2021</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday - Nursery closed</b>
<b>Monday 31st May 2021</b>	<b>Spring Break Week - Nursery closes for 1 week</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th July 2021</b>	<b>Last Day of Term - Children break up for Summer Holidays</b>

### Keeping Everyone Safe - Some reminders:

- Please close all gates and doors behind you. This is to keep all of our children safe.
- Please remember to wear face masks at the school gate, when dropping off and picking up your children from nursery
- Please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside Nursery. If the fire engine needs to attend an emergency to save a life and your car is in the way, they will move it by whatever means available!
- Please let us know, by phoning the Nursery if someone else will be collecting your child. Remember, we will not let your child go with someone we don't know or haven't been told is collecting your child. Passwords must be used.
- Could we please ask that mobile phones are not used outside the nursery gate so that family leaders can talk to you on the handover should they need to. Thank you.

### Some reminders:

- At nursery, we encourage the children to eat healthy snacks such as milk, water, fruit and vegetables. We would like to do the same at lunch time, on our website under newsletters is a poster with suggestions of healthy lunch options to give you some extra ideas of the kind of things you can send in for children, which can include a small treat such as a biscuit bar.
- Can we please ask that all children have appropriate clothes, footwear and a suitable coat for the colder weather. Also, can you please ensure that all items of clothing are named.
- Please can we ask that you collect your child on time as we have staggered start and finish time to avoid bubbles mixing, and it is quite a tight turn—around between groups. We also find that children get upset if their friends are all collected and they have to wait—it feels like a long time when you're little. If any of the 30 hour parents are struggling to make it for 2.45pm, we do offer an option to buy an extra 45 minutes until 3.30pm. Please telephone or email Kate or Sue in the office if this is something you would be interested in.
- Can we please ask that you hand over your children to their group leader one at a time at the gate, and not let them run in through the gate. This allows us to be sure about whose on site and that hands have been sanitised on arrival at Nursery.

Please do let us know if your child is going to be absent from Nursery School - whether it is because of illness, family circumstances or holiday. Call **01827 713116** and leave an absence message or tell the reception staff.

Regular school attendance is important for the children to make relationships and learn. However, young children do become poorly, especially at this time of year, so please keep them at home if they are unwell. Thank you very much to everyone for co-operating in letting us know when your child can not attend. We are very grateful for the phone calls and messages.

Remember—with vomiting sickness and diarrhoea please give a clear 48 hours before sending your child back to nursery.  
Thank you.



### Important contact details

**Atherstone Nursery School:**  
**01827 713116**

**Email:** [admin1000@welearn365.com](mailto:admin1000@welearn365.com)

**Website:** [www.atherstonenurseryschool.com](http://www.atherstonenurseryschool.com)

Please have a look and like our Nursery Facebook page to receive information on the children's learning experiences.

Facebook - Atherstone Maintained Nursery School and Warwickshire Teaching School.

**IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS: THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE AND RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST SCHOOL CLOSURES:** [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)  
**Free Radio 97 & 102.9 FM BBC**      **Radio Coventry & Warwickshire 94.8 103.7 & 104 FM**

## Butterfly Nursery News

We would like to welcome everybody back and say a massive 'hello' to all our new children and families who have joined Atherstone Nursery School in our Spring term. It has been wonderful to see the children settling into the nursery environment and we would like to thank all our families for your continued support. It has been great to see the children's confidence blossoming, taking the rules and routines of the nursery day in their stride, developing new, and building on, relationships with their peers.

We have enjoyed talking about what we have been doing both in our home environments and in nursery. The children have shared some of the lovely home learning activities they completed and we continue to build upon these skills in the environment. The children have been engaging with Protective Behaviours, which has been a weekly theme, to encourage them to talk about their feelings, emotions, worries or concerns and to put positive strategies into place for how children could manage a situation of heightened emotion. These strategies enable our children to better communicate their feelings, regulate their own emotions and subsequent behaviours, which in turn, encourages them to become independent. Promoting the rule of law, respecting others and developing self-confidence through the Fundamental British Values is something we hope to continue in nursery.

In nursery we have enjoyed talking about and engaging with different traditions and celebrations including Chinese New Year where the children tried traditional food using chopsticks – that was a challenge!! For World Book Day we dressed up as our favourite characters, talking about our favourite stories amongst friends. We made super Mother's Day cards, using our IT skills and for Red Nose Day we made badges. We talked about how some children and families do not have what they need and by raising awareness through Red Nose Day and collecting donations, we can help these families. This has supported the children's understanding of helping and caring for others.

The children continue to spend a lot of time outdoors which has been great for their physical development and wellbeing. They engage with healthy mover's activities which builds their gross motor movements and helps to develop their listening and attention skills. The children continue to notice the changes around them, observing their natural world and asking fantastic questions about nature.

Now that the weather has improved, we are spending more time in our Forest area. We watched the frogs in our pond and saw the huge amount of frogspawn that they produced. We are now exploring Spring and what that brings to our natural environment. The children had a Spring trail in the Forest Area and they found Spring flowers and buds on the trees. As part of our Easter celebrations, they have been creating a giant nest from sticks and grass!

The children have enjoyed reading Jack and the Beanstalk and have planted their own beans. We have already seen some changes to our beans as the shoots begin to form and come out of the beans, and this has sparked some great questions from the children, helping to embed their understanding of growth and changes in their environment. Whilst the children continue to observe the changes to their beans, they have also been busy creating observational drawings of springtime flowers.

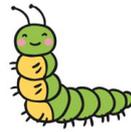
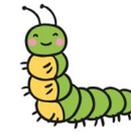
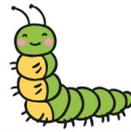
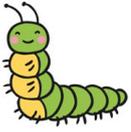
As we approach Easter and the children are getting excited to find Easter eggs, we are learning about the biblical teachings of why Easter is celebrated too. We will be having our own Easter hunt in the garden and the Easter crafts table has been very busy.

As we prepare for our last term this academic year we will be focusing on building children's self-help and physical skills to further support their development and independence. Looking at continuing to build up our children's resilience and self-esteem through family time activities and their play. We look forward to watching the children grow, supporting their development by following their interests and furthering their self-regulatory skills, becoming resilient, independent learners.

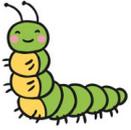
We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and have opportunities to make some wonderful memories to treasure.

Stay safe!

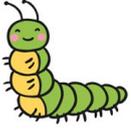
From the Butterfly Nursery Team.



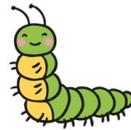
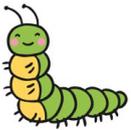
## Caterpillar Nursery News



We are having an exciting time in Caterpillar nursery.



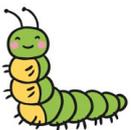
Our friends who have been learning from home have come back to join us. We also have some new friends and we are enjoying helping them to settle in.



We have been learning about Spring, exploring the outdoors and our Forest school. We have noticed that the daffodils are growing, there are new leaves on the trees and there are fogs in the pond!!



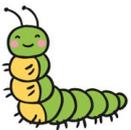
The children have been fascinated by the frogspawn and at circle time we have talked about the life-cycle of a frog.



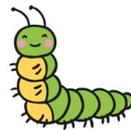
The children have been learning new Springtime songs. Their favourites are "Hop little bunnies" and "5 little speckled frogs".



We are super excited about the arrival of our new climbing frame! The children are already showing confidence with climbing and learning to take turns to go down the slide.



We hope you have a very happy Easter.



From the Caterpillar Team





## Barbara Charles, Family Support and Pastoral Manager

Hello!

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new children and families who will join us for the Summer term after the Easter break. I am here to support you with a range of needs now that you are part of the Atherstone Nursery family. For those well established families who have been with us for a while- just a reminder that I am here should you need help or advice.

Family Support and Pastoral Care covers a range of topics- child development such as toilet training, behaviour, routines or meal times for example. It can also be financial help, access to wider support services such as legal advice or benefits for example, or even just a request for a food bank voucher. Just give me a call- the contact details are at the bottom of the page.

If your child has a social worker I will be involved in attending the meetings and supporting you and your child as a family in any way I can. I am also a Mental Health First Aider and link closely with health services to access further support for you or your child's mental health. Additionally help with drug or alcohol issues can be sought for you, or help with domestic violence. Please call me and I will do everything I can.

### Family Support Drop In

I can still meet with you face to face in our outside meeting space, but by appointment only so as to maintain social distancing. I am having a 'Drop In By Appointment' session on Thursday 22nd April between 11-1.30. If you would like to have a chat drop me an email, text or call and I will pop you in the diary. Alternatively, if this is not a good day for you, we can make a different appointment so please ask.

### Parent Workshops

During Summer Term I will be running a couple of Parent Workshops over Microsoft Teams. Topics that have been raised continually over the last couple of months are 'Managing Behaviour' and also 'Bedtime and Sleep'. I will be sending an email shortly to all parents with further details. If you are interested in attending either of these workshops then just drop me a message, or email back and I will pop you on the list for an invite.

Following on from the 'Behaviour' workshop I intend to deliver a Support Programme over a number of weeks in the Summer Term for more in depth support for family life. Watch this space, and emails, for further advice about this.

Enjoy your Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all in April!

Stay safe,

Barb

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Mobile 07833 288959 Nursery Number 01827 713116

Parents/Carers, please remember the  
Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

-that you have all read and agreed to during induction  
Please be **kind, respectful** and **polite** to staff at the  
gates.

Staff are following new **Government Protocol** and  
guidance from **Public Health England** to keep your  
children and staff as safe as we possibly can  
throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic.

- There will be times when we have to ask questions.
- There will be times when we ask you to wait whilst asking for guidance from Senior Leaders.
  - There will be times when we need a second opinion as the guidance changes daily.
  - Please be patient. This is for everyone's safety.

**Thank you** for helping us- you **really make a difference in keeping our nursery community safe.**



## **Covid Symptoms — What to look out for:-**

To help keep your child and our nursery community safe, your child should not come to school if:

- They are feeling unwell or are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (If in doubt, book a test. If positive, isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms)
- They have tested positive for coronavirus and are within the 10 day isolation period
- They are sharing a household or support bubble with someone with symptoms (person with symptoms to be tested, if negative can return to usual activities; if positive, you must isolate for 10 days from last contact)
- They have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate or aware they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (isolate for 10days from last contact)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

In children, less common, but frequently reported, symptoms also include:

- Muscle pain
- Fatigue
- Diarrhoea and digestive problems

Of course, some of these symptoms are not unusual in younger children at any time, but it is important to be extra-vigilant and not send your child to nursery if you are in any doubt.

If you are unsure, please just call us for advice.