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Please find your complimentary raffle ticket attached to this newsletter, please write your child's name on, fold it in half and pop it in the box in the children's cloakroom. You are welcome to buy more tickets - they will be on sale from Monday 8th until Thursday 11th February at £1 per strip - there will be a selection of prizes. Please buy any extra tickets at the office.

You're invited!

Would you like to stay and play?

On **Friday 12th February** we will be taking part in lots of creative activities to celebrate Valentine's Day. We would love you to come and join us.

8.30am - 11am and 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

There will be an opportunity for you to buy a 'canvas' of your child's art work for £2. We will proudly display any that aren't bought in the Nursery.

Afterwards, you are welcome to take your child home or stay and listen to a story with us.

On **Wednesday 2nd March** we are celebrating Mothers' Day and invite Mums, Nanas, Grans, Grannies, Grandmas, Aunties and Special Ladies to join us for afternoon (or morning) tea.

10.50am - 11.30am or 2.20pm - 3pm in our Outdoor Classroom

Please let Mrs Longhorne know if you would like to come along to either or both of these events.



A very warm welcome to Poppy and Annie who will be joining our 2 year olds' provision and Ayden, Jack, Sienna, Holly and Olivia who will be joining our 3 & 4 year olds' provision, not forgetting Noah who joined us last month. Exciting times ahead!



The following children will be celebrating their birthdays this month. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Charlie, Riley, Charlie W, Dawid, Matty, Jensen and Alfie who will all be 4 years old.

Are you interested in children's education and development?

We currently have 2 vacancies on our governing body. The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**. You don't need teaching experience, but it's useful to bring skills from other areas of your life. Governors meet each half term and you will join one or two **sub-committees** - these cover different areas like the curriculum, finance or buildings. Please call in for an informal chat with Mrs Jenkins if you would like more information.



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World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March. Staff from the Children's Centre will be supporting us with World Book Day celebrations... your child is very welcome to dress up as a book character - come and join us for a story - timings to be confirmed.

We will also have a Scholastic book fair running from Monday 29th February to Friday 4th March. They have over one hundred books priced at £2.99 and you will be able to use the free £1 off book voucher (supplied by Nursery) towards any purchase.

On behalf of staff and children I would like to say a very big 'thank you' for your donations to school fund.

We have bought:

- Dressing up outfits
- Resources to support our 2 year olds that are interested in 'filling and emptying'. This kind of play encourages and develops physical development as well as mathematical play and language. The children have loved it!
- Resources to celebrate Chinese New Year
- Creative resources for our Valentine's day celebrations
- Resources to celebrate Shrove Tuesday - story books, small (real) pans for 'flipping' pancakes in our role play area and ingredients to make pancakes



Wish List

Your child's safety is very important to us... please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk. (We have an agreement in place for you to use the Aclet Public House car park)

Thank you for your continuing support.

We need your help!

Do you have any of the items on our wish list at home and don't need them anymore?

We can use these items to extend and challenge the children's learning:

- ✓ Photograph frames - any shape, size or colour
- ✓ Baskets - any shape, size or colour
- ✓ Large cardboard boxes
- ✓ Fabric (especially green and natural colours)
- ✓ Buttons



We are keen to build links with businesses in our local community. We are very grateful to Flooringsuperstore.com, based in Shildon, who have kindly donated artificial grass squares that the children can play imaginatively and make small worlds with.

Nursery closes for half term on Friday 12th February at 3.30pm.

We return on Monday 22nd February. Have fun!

We will also be closed for our next training day on Thursday 24th March.

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