**NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020**

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you have seen the enjoyment that the children have been having with our recent core stories, such as “Shark in the Park”, “Owl Babies” and “Handa’s Surprise”. You will see the title of the core story for the fortnight chalked on our black board area just to the right of the main door. By the end of the two weeks, many children are often able to tell the whole story to us by themselves! This is a brilliant way for them to learn lots of new language and communication skills, as well as providing them with fun ways of bringing the world to life.

**WORLD BOOK DAY. THURSDAY MARCH 5TH.**

As you can see, we all love stories and books at Sticky fish, so with this in mind, we would love to encourage your child to bring in a favourite book, either fiction or non fiction, to share on this day. Please write your child’s name in the front cover of the book. We will be having lots of activities that day connected to books and stories.

**WILD GARDEN FUNDRAISE**

A huge thankyou to all those parents, grandparents and any others who joined us for the singalong fundraising event, to raise funds for our Wild Garden area. You helped to raise **£160** which is fantastic, and we are so grateful to you all!

**OPEN SESSIONS**

We are holding our “Open Sessions” from next week, onwards. These are an opportunity for you to chat to your child’s key worker, to view their learning journal, and to just spend time in the room seeing all the lovely play that goes on! Please see your key staff member to arrange a date and time.

**ITEMS TO BRING**

Please remember to bring a spare set of clothes for your child in a named bag, plus nappies etc, if your child uses those. It is still cold, so your child always needs a warm (named) coat, wellies,( and gloves and hat if necessary on any given day).

Thankyou for bringing lots of lovely fruit for us to share at snack time! We have had plenty recently, so that has been great.

**SAFEGUARDING**

A reminder for all existing parents, or if you are new to Sticky Fish, that the **DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD is Liz Tomlinson, the deputy is Jo Ball.** Please do chat to either of us if you have any safeguarding concerns. It is important that all parents read and understand our Child Protection policy. If you have not seen this policy, please let me know, and I will email you a copy.

**DATES**

**TERM 4 – Monday 24th Feb – Friday 3rd April 2020**

**TERM 5 - Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May 2020**

**TERM 6 - Monday 1st June – FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2020 (MONDAY, 20TH JULY – INSET. STICKY FISH CLOSED). We will then be closed for the summer break, and will re-open in September 2020.**

**One more inset day to be confirmed for this academic year.**

**Best wishes**

**Liz**

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