

## April 2019

Welcome back to the Summer term! Fingers crossed for sunshine and lots of it! And a very warm welcome to the new families who will be joining the pre-school over the coming month.



### *Fantastic Fundraising!*



*A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt around the village – we raised £150! So lovely to see that so many people took part in it.*

*This money, along with the Bags2School money, and a very generous donation from the now sadly closed St John's Preschool of £220, has topped up our fundraising piggy bank really well. With funding being at an all time low in Early Years, this money plays a vital role in ensuring we can provide certain resources and experiences for the children still. We greatly appreciate the support of all of the community in helping keep the pre-school running.*

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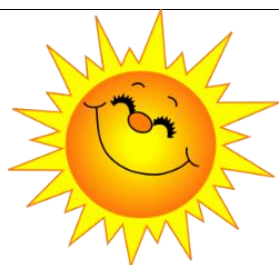
### Healthy Under 5's



This week we will be talking about Fire Safety with the children. This will include teaching them the STOP, DROP and ROLL rule for if their clothes should ever catch fire, and what to do if the smoke alarm goes off (and it's not due to burnt toast!).

Although the chances of the children being involved in a fire are hopefully extremely unlikely, it is important they have an awareness of what to do in the event of one. This knowledge will help add to their understanding of how to keep safe in life.

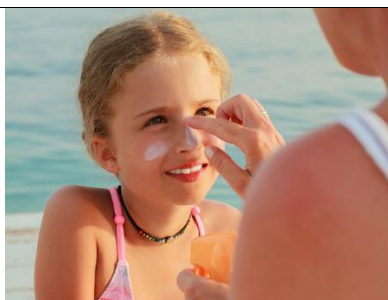
We will also be talking to them about smoke alarms and the importance of testing them regularly. When was the last time you tested yours?! Smoke alarms save lives and a simple weekly test of it ensures you would get that vital early warning should a fire start at your home. Statistics show that you are at least 4 times more likely to die in a fire in the home if there are no working smoke alarms. Test yours today!!



We are keeping our fingers crossed for a summer term full of sun! Please can you ensure you have put sunscreen on your child before they come to pre-school (we will top it up during the course of the day) and that they have a named hat in their bags, plus lots of changes of clothes as there is always LOTS of water play during sunny days! A reuseable bag for putting wet clothes in is also very helpful. The



children are always very keen to take their shoes and socks off outside during the summer months, which we encourage as barefoot play is beneficial to little ones. It really helps if they have shoes they can put on and off themselves as it aids their independence.



On the subject of sunscreen – when you buy your bottle for the summer make sure you check that it has not only a high SPF but also, as importantly, a **5 star rating for UVA**. This offers the best protection for your children's skin (and yours!). Many of the well-known, more popular brands, only have 3 or 4 star ratings, a fact they keep hidden on the back of the bottle. Last year Boots Soltan range, Aldi, Asda, Marks and Spencer and Superdrug home brands all had 5 star UVA ratings. This year Tesco's own brand have also

included the 5 stars.

The UVA rating is just as important as the SPF rating and ensures that you are buying a sunscreen which protects your child against the lasting effects of UVA rays, which can cause permanent damage to the skin.

### **FLYING FISH FINAL TERM!**

We can't believe we only have one term left with our Flying Fish little people! This week we will be making contact with all of your children's primary schools to arrange transition activities, and invite the Reception teachers to the pre-school. The Flying Fish will be having their annual group photo on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. This is always a lovely photo of the whole cohort of Flying Fish. If your child is not at pre-school on a Monday then please bring them along for 9 am so they can be part of the photo.

We will be doing lots of 'getting ready for school' activities over the course of this term. If you have any worries or concerns about your child starting primary school, please do speak to your child's key person, or Rebekah, and we can help put your mind at rest and offer some helpful info/ideas. For those parents who were unable to make the 'Getting Ready for School' meeting – Rebekah will be holding another one soon and will text you with the date!

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday, pre-school will be closed.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Flying Fish group photo, 9 am at the pre-school.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term, pre-school will be closed.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Pyjamarama Day – raising money for Book Start – details to follow soon.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – 3 pm onwards **Pre-school Summer Fair** – more details to follow soon.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – **Parent's Evening** – details to follow later in the term. .

**Flying Fish Graduation Evening** – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, from 6 pm.

**Last day of Pre-school before the summer hols:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

