

Dates for the Diary!

-  Thursday 25th April 
- Toddlers begins, Village Hall 
-  Tuesday 30th April 
-  Beekeeper visit 
-  Thursday 2nd May 
- No Toddlers – Voting at VH 
- Monday 6th May 
- Bank Holiday 
-  Monday 27th May to 31st May 
-  Summer Half Term 
-  Saturday 15th June, 10am-noon
-  Father's Day Bacon Butty & Play
- Friday 21st & Monday 24th June
- Inset Days
- Tuesday 23rd July at noon
- End of Term

POLITE REMINDERS

- **To prevent any allergic reactions, the pre-school offers a NO NUT policy in packed lunches. This includes peanut butter, chocolate bars or biscuits with nuts in etc.**
- **Please also ensure grapes, olives and large blueberries are cut up to prevent choking.**
- **If your child is going to be absent from pre-school due to sickness or holiday, we do ask that you call or email us to confirm the reason for their absence.**
- **Scooters/bikes should not be used in the playground when waiting for Ducklings to start in the mornings.**

Daddies/Carers, we hope you can join us for our **Father's Day Bacon Butty & Play Morning on Saturday 15th June from 10am - noon.**

Enjoy some playtime with your child, along with other dads, over a cuppa and a bacon/sausage bap.

More information to follow shortly.



Each term we supply a Show and Tell list that is based around our topics and which gives suggestions for things that your child can bring into school, which they can share with their peers and staff during carpet-time. We also list things you can do at home to promote and support your child's learning.

In the first half of the term our topics include Planting & Minibeasts, so this is a great time to test your child's green fingers and grow some seeds, plant some vegetables, visit a garden centre and talk about where food comes from and what healthy food options are.

Whilst our topics are created to enhance our cohort's learning and development, your child's individual learning targets are indicated on the Unique Summary, in the form of 'Next Steps' that you would have received at the end of the Spring term. If you would like another copy of this, please do not hesitate to ask your child's keyworker.

Whilst the weather is still unpredictable could you please ensure the children are coming to school with a pair of wellies. Children should also come with a spare set of clothes. **All items should be labelled with their name.**

As the weather improves, sunhats will be required and suncream should be applied in the morning. We'd ask that the children do not wear flip flops and trainers are supplied for when we go on our Learning Walks.



SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell gives your child the opportunity to bring in something relevant to the topic for that week e.g. a book, toy, picture, object or an event which they will share with their peers and staff during the week. We have also given suggestions for things you can do at home to promote and support your child's learning. **If some weeks you do not have anything relevant, please do not worry as we have many resources the children can share.**

Week commencing 22nd April – Planting, 'That's My Flower' book

- Fill half an eggshell with soil and plant a seed inside. Place the egg in an open egg carton for stability and watch it grow. When strong enough, the seedlings can be planted in the garden. Send in photos of the process.

Week commencing 29th April – Planting

- Make a bumblebee out of recycled paper, cardboard, newspaper or magazines, paint, crayons etc

Week commencing 6th May – Bugs, 'Minibeast' book

- Can you make a bug hotel in the garden? What materials can you find that you can use?

Week commencing 13th May – Bugs, 'Superworm' book

- Using this link, can you make your worms dance? (Don't worry, no worms will be harmed during this activity) www.playdoughtoplato.com/kids-science-dancing-frankenworms/

Week commencing 3rd June – Space

- Ask your child to draw the eight planets (circles) in the Solar System and colour them in, helping to promote fine motor skills, counting, mathematical language of size and shape.

Week commencing 10th June - Space

- Can you make a model or drawing of a rocket? Talk about the 2d and 3d shapes used.

Please visit our website www.hunsdonducklings.co.uk for our Medium Plan, which outlines our curriculum in more detail.

Polite Reminder - PAYMENT TERMS

Our Terms & Conditions state that payments are due 30 days from the invoice date payable by cash, cheque or BACS.

We understand that sometimes financial situations are put under strain and if so, we encourage all parents/carers to speak to the Pre-school Manager or Treasurer if a situation arises where these terms cannot be met.

Please be assured that any concerns you may have will be kept confidential and treated with respect.

Please refer to your Parent Pack for procedure of non-payment of invoices.

Personalised name labels can be purchased from www.stikins.co.uk
When purchasing, please pop in our fundraising code 10330 and Stikins will donate a percentage of their sales to our pre-school.

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BAG 2 SCHOOL – drop your bags in the shed opposite the school's bike-shed

Clothing accepted: Good quality items for re-use, including mens, ladies' & childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please do not leave uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.