

The Alphet House Day Nursery Spring Newsletter!

A warm welcome to you all

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. We've an exciting term ahead of us, and would like to give you some details of forthcoming events.



Staff News - We're thrilled to announce that Katie is expecting a baby - due in October. Jo from the baby room starts her maternity leave on 16th April and we will keep you posted as soon as we hear any news! Also, a warm welcome to Nina who re-joins us after completing a 3 month placement last year. Nina is covering Jo's maternity leave and will be based in pre-school. Katie will be moving to the baby room whilst Jo is away.

A reminder for everyone - could all parents please use the parking spaces provided at the front of nursery when dropping off and picking up children to enable as many cars as possible to park.



A reminder of what we've been up to recently - Round Hill Primary School - To help build our links with Round Hill School, Kelly visited the children in Key Stage 1 after half term to encourage them to design an Easter picture and the six winning children received a lovely ceramic mug with their picture printed onto it. The picture was printed in 7th April issue of the Evening Post.

As part of our 'Growing and Changing' topic in pre-school we went to **White Post Farm** and had a great time. We also went on a **nature walk** and then onto the Elms residential home to sing happy birthday to a lady called Madge who was 100 years old.

A fun **Easter Egg Hunt** and bonnet parade took place just before Easter. The winners were Tabitha Lane from the baby room, Eddie Nelson from the toddler room and Ethan Milner from Pre-School. All children had some bubbles as a thank you for taking part.

We also had **Green Day** on 17th March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day where we did lots of 'Green' craft activities. To mark **Animal Day** in March, all children enjoyed a visit from Charlie a tortoise and Peter the rabbit.

In March the toddlers had a **themed week on the topic of Colour** and each day focussed on a different colour. Children enjoyed different coloured foods and did lots of activities too.

Summer menu - our new summer menu will begin from 4th May. A copy will be pinned up in the nursery hallway for you to read.

Zoolab will be visiting nursery again on 22nd April after a fantastic visit last year. They will be focusing this workshop on 'Springtime'. This is the most important time of the year for all animals. As the winter ends new life begins. Sensitively, and with great care and attention, they introduce your children to lots of different animals that they would not normally be able to see up close and create time for those inquisitive children who would like to touch or hold our animals in a safe and secure environment.

Dates for your diary

23rd April - come to nursery wearing red and white to mark St George's Day

3rd and 31st May - Bank Holiday - nursery closed.

Places still available - If you know of babies or children who might like to join us, we do warmly welcome personal visits from parents and are pleased to make appointments for them to visit the nursery. We always welcome your feedback and our contact details are below.

