



We had great fun looking for numbered Easter eggs in the garden. It was very egg citing



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## Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a good Easter break and enjoyed the occasional appearance of spring sunshine.

## Bonnet Parade

Well done to the children and parents for making such wonderful Easter Bonnets. We were very proud showing them off at the Bonnet Parade at Lyneham primary school. Also a big thank you to all the parents and carers that came in to help make the bonnets and chat to their child's key person.

## School Transition

We will be starting our school transitions visit and working closely with local primary schools to support the pre-school children's move. Please let us know what Primary school your child will be attending in September so links can be made.

We are planning to visit Lyneham Primary school with a small group of pre-school children on Wednesday mornings and some Friday afternoons. If your child does not attend any of these sessions and would like them to attend please speak to Claire, arrangements can be made for you and your child to join us, if you wish. The reception teachers will also be visiting the pre-school to meet the children.

## Concept Photography

Will be visiting us on Thursday 12 May and doing children and family shots in the morning. Their photographs are beautiful and parents last year were really pleased. The pre-school also raised over £200 in commission, which enabled new equipment and toys to be purchased.

## Friendship Theme

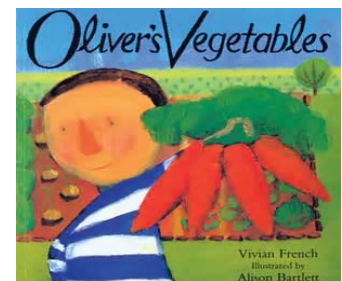
We will also be focusing on Friendship and what it means to be friendly and kind to each other. The children will be taking part in small group activities, sharing stories and being rewarded on the sunshine tree for being kind and friendly to each other.



We loved visiting the newborn chicks at the Primary school. We have tadpoles visiting this term and will be watching them change over time.

## Stories of the Month

This term we will be continuing our interest in growth and planting vegetables and seeds in the garden. We will be reading Jack and Jim and The Beanstalk and Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French



## Rhyme of the Month

### Monkeys In A Tree

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree

Teasing Mr.Crocodile...

"You can't catch me "

" You can't catch me "

Along comes Mr. Crocodile as quiet as can be ...SNAP!!!

Continue until all monkeys are gone

Away swims Mr. Crocodile as full as he can be!

## All About Me -



Our apprentice, Heather, has been with us since September 2015 and is really enjoying working with the pre-school children. She also works in the afterschool club, gaining valuable work experience with many different aged children. She has just signed up with Reach4Skills to start her training for her NVQ level 3 in Early Years Education.

Heather has been working hard and has already passed her First Aid course and completed in-house Safeguarding and food hygiene training. Over the next few months Heather will begin to shadow another key person and begin to take on observation roles and working in partnership with parents to support individual children's development.

Heather has a wonderful fun personality and is committed to working hard to complete her training with us and we wish her well. In her spare time she enjoys socializing with friends, going to the cinema and reading.

## Share a skill



We are looking for parents who can come in and share a skill or interest with the children. This could be playing an instrument or gardening. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to come in

## Easy Quick Pizza

### Ingredients:

1 packet puff pastry  
 1 medium chopped onion  
 small tin tomato purée,  
 75g grated cheddar cheese,  
 mushrooms, chopped ham, red or green peppers, olives, sweetcorn

### Method:

1. Roll out the pastry and use circle cutter to cut out pizza shape.
  2. Spread tomato purée on the pastry shape and sprinkle on the toppings and cheese.
  3. You can encourage your child to create faces or patterns with vegetables.
  4. Place in oven at 180°C for 12-14 minutes, or until the pastry has risen and golden brown in colour.
  5. You can also use a bread roll bread to create a quick lunch idea
- We find adding and using pieces of veg as the faces on the pizza is a great fun way to encourage children to try new food

## Half Term

Please note our last day of term will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, the children have one week off and return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Spare Clothes

We are currently very low on spare clothes, particularly trousers. If your child is sent home in some of our spare clothes could you please wash and return them as soon as possible. Thank you

## Parent Partnership

### Letter and Sounds

At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Listen and remember
- Talk about sounds

### Alliteration

This terms aspect is Alliteration and aims to develop children's understanding of alliteration and helps to tune children's ears to the relationships between the sound structures of words.

Singing rhymes and songs with alliterative lines such as 'Sing a Song of Sixpence' and playing with jingles such as 'Can you count the candles on the cake' help. Ultimately children need to be able to isolate the initial phoneme from the rest of the word (e.g to be able to say that 'nose' begins with the sound 'n'). Children need to have a wealth of experience of hearing words that begin with the same sound so it is important to keep practicing familiar tongue twisters or introduce more descriptive words when playing alongside them, for example 'juicy jelly', sizzling sausages or chunky chips'

### Healthy Eating Project

This term we are promoting healthy eating and talking with the children about healthy food and drink. We will be introducing new foods at snack time and encouraging the children to try them. We would also like to work with parents to promote healthier food choices in their child's lunch boxes and hope to invite the Children's Centre in to talk about child health and the importance of eating a balanced diet.

