

Sunbeams Newsletter 9



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 22ND JANUARY 24

Latest News

Trip to Hobbledown Farm: We are so excited to announce that as part of our Farm Animals topic in the Summer term, we have made a provisional booking for Hobbledown Farm in Epsom. We have managed to get reduced rate of £10 per child, (1 adult free with each child) which includes an interactive animal experience. In order to keep costs down and to avoid the cost of a coach parents would need to provide their own transport for their child to and from the Farm. A letter with further details will be released in a few weeks' time.

Staffing: We are very pleased to announce that we have a new member of staff starting on Monday 22nd January Miss Franklin (some of you may know her as Zachary's Mum). She has been a childminder and is very experienced in Early Years, she can't wait to get started! I'm sure you will join us in welcoming her on board.

Fortnightly Phonics

U & O

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Numbers 8 & 9

Counting back, sorting and classifying.



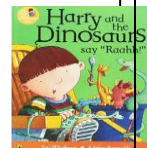
Books and Rhymes

Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus!

Harry and the Dinosaurs say Raahh!

Brush your teeth (BBC radio)

Ten green Dinosaurs (bottles)



Messages

School Applications: School applications for children starting Reception class in September 2024 have now closed. Parents will find out which school they have been allocated on 16th April 2024

Nursery Places: Sunbeams is now completely full for this current academic year and places are filling up fast for September 2024. Letters for September placements will be issued next week for existing children.

Funding: Declaration forms for Early Years funding are in the process of going home. Please complete, sign and return as soon as possible. Thank you

Home learning

(remember you are your child's first educator)

Home learning

Learning to do your zip up

Please take the time to teach your child how to do their zip up on their coat (whilst they are wearing it)

It's a great life skill and encourages independence

Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.

3-4 years Development Matters

Use large and small motor skills to do things independently, for example manage buttons and zips, and pour drinks. 0-3 years Development Matters



Important Dates

Saturday 10th February - Chinese New Year

Wednesday 14th February - St Valentines day

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February - Half Term

Sunday 10th March - Mother's day

Thursday 28th March - Last day of Spring term -
Children finish at 1pm

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th

April - Easter holidays

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - School closed

Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May - Half Term

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day

Friday 19th July - Last day of Summer term - Children finish
at 1pm

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

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