



Dear families, we hope you are all enjoying the sunshine that we've been having recently. The term ends on Friday 4th April for the Easter break and the children return on Wednesday 23rd April

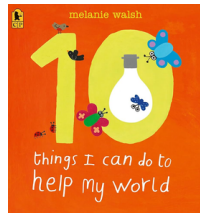
National Offer Day

National offer day on 16th April is when you should receive notification from your local council, informing you whether your child has received a place at their applied for primary school from September 2025. In the first week back after Easter, you will receive an email from us asking you the name of the school your child has been offered a place at. This will help us to ensure transitions are as smooth as possible and ensure your child knows the other children they will be going to school with.



Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Story Curriculum This term, we are focusing on environmental sustainability. The book '10 Things I Can Do To Help My World', helps the children focus on what we can do to conserve energy and nature, like turning off lights and feeding birds. We also explore growing plants from seed to help develop an understanding of nature and conservation. Our Climate Action Plan is on the Butterfly display in the main entrance - take a look at our plans for nursery.



Online Safety Each newsletter we try to give you some up to date information regarding online safety for preschool children. We want to help your children to make safe decisions when using the internet and start forming good habits in the amount of time they spend online.

Early Years - Online Safety Starts Early. Internet Matters have a wonderful set of resources on their website specifically for schools and parents of early years children. The resources are a 4-episode series covering good habits, being mindful, device safety and digital chats. [Early years online safety video guides | Internet Matters](#)

Second-Hand Devices Parents will often hand down 'out of contract' devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but things need to be thought about before handing older devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters [HERE.](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term
- Wednesday 16th April - National Offer Day
- Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 22nd April - PD Day (Non pupil day)
- Wednesday 23rd April - Start of Term – All Children Back
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday
- Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May - Bank Holiday & Half Term
- Monday 2nd June - All Children Back
- Tuesday 1st July - Frinton Beach Trip
- Friday 18th July - Last Day of Term
- Monday 21st July - PD Day (Non-pupil day)

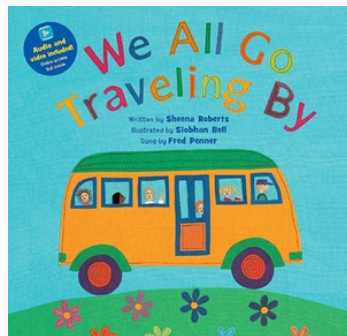
Staff Updates

In January, the nursery school underwent staff changes with the departure of Laura Tumilty and Noreen Pyke, who opted not to return after her maternity leave. In February, Natasha Davis from the Children's Centre and Sally Goddard from the nursery school also left their roles. All four of these members of staff will be missed, we wish them all the best with their futures.



Butterflies

Story Curriculum In the Butterflies classroom, the current focus is on the storybook 'We All Go Travelling By', introducing colours, modes of transport, and music. The interactive book encourages singing and helps develop sequencing skills. It is also part of our environmental sustainability plan in promoting discussions around how we travel to nursery. We are sure you will hear your children singing it at home too!



Toothbrushing

Did you know? Toothpaste for children over three should contain 1450 parts per million of fluoride. For under three's this number is 1000 ppm.

Check your toothpaste at home to ensure it meets the NHS guideline.

We brush our teeth at nursery everyday and the nursery toothpaste meets this requirement.



Children's Centre

Our **Easter programme** will soon be available, so look out on our Facebook page and Family or ask at the office for a paper copy.

Our **Facebook page** has daily updates on what we are getting up to at the Children's Centre. We can be found by using this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/highfieldchildrenscentreipswich/>

Little Talkers – Communication & Language

Support Group 1:30pm-2:30pm – Thursdays 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April. (Invite/Referral Only)
Castle Hill Community Centre, IP1 6DG.

A group for parents/carers to come along with their child and explore fun activities which will help to support their speech and language development.

Call 01473 742534 ext2 or email

highfield.cc@suffolk.gov.uk to enquire about an invite to the group.

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