

Festivals and Events January- March 2017

January

`Parents evening for Pre-School`

Your child`s keyperson will be arranging parent`s evenings throughout the month of January and February. This is an ideal opportunity for you to come along and discuss your child`s progress and development, making your child`s learning a two way partnership.



Thursday 5th January - National Bird Day

Nature lovers, bird lovers and bird watchers across the country annually recognise National Bird Day on January 5th. The children will be learning all about the different types of birds, how they live and how we can help them to survive. We will spend time in the garden doing some bird watching and will leave out some bird food during these cold months.



Wednesday 25th January- 'Burns Night'

A Scottish festival to celebrate Robert Burns and his poetry. The children will have a traditional Burns Night Supper, the children will listen to Robert Burn's classic poem 'Address to a Haggis', and also say the 'Sel kirk Grace'.



January & February

Friday 27th January 2nd February- 'Chinese New Year'

It is a Chinese festival and this year it will be the year of the Rooster, the children will learn of the ancient traditions on the lead up to Chinese New Year they will learn of the Chinese Zodiac and explore the year of the Rooster, the children will create couplets to decorate nursery and will make lucky red envelopes.



Tuesday 28th February- 'Pancake Day'

Also known as shrove Tuesday, it is a day of fun and feasting before the fasting required during the 40 days of lent, the children will be making pancakes, having a competition on who can toss there pancakes the highest and trying lots of new toppings.



Tuesday 14th February - 'Valentine's Day'

The children will be making and creating special treats and surprises to give to their loved ones and take the time to think about why people are special to us.



March

Thursday 2nd March - 'World Book Day'

The children will be celebrating the use of books looking at their favourites dressing up as their favourite characters and looking at the many different types of books we have around us. The children can bring in their favourite story book (Please label) and dress up as a character of their choice.



Friday 24th March - 'Mother's Day'

The children will be creating special gifts and treats to give to their mum's and grandmother's, to show how much they love and care for to show how special they are. We will be having a Mothers Day tea party where a female family member is most welcome to come along and share tea with the children.



Thursday 17th March - 'St Patrick's Day'

St Patrick's day is celebrated on this day each year, and it honours Ireland's Patron St Patrick and the culture and heritage of the Irish population, the children will be making four leaf clovers, talking of Leprechaun's and enjoying a traditional Irish menu.



Wednesday 23rd March- 'Holi'

Holi is a Hindu festival full of colour, singing and dancing. Celebrations start with a Holika bonfire the night before, on the morning everyone chases each other with coloured water and dry paint then parade to lots of music and singing. This ritual is said to be based on the story of Krishna and Radha. Krishna would ask his mother why Radha was fair while he was dark, and she advised him to apply colour to Radha's face to see how her complexion changed. At Holi images of Krishna and Radha are carried through the streets. The children will be joining in lots of colourful activities to encourage colour recognition.



If you would like to book your child in for any extra sessions to join in these special events, then please speak to your child's key person or Tracy in the office.