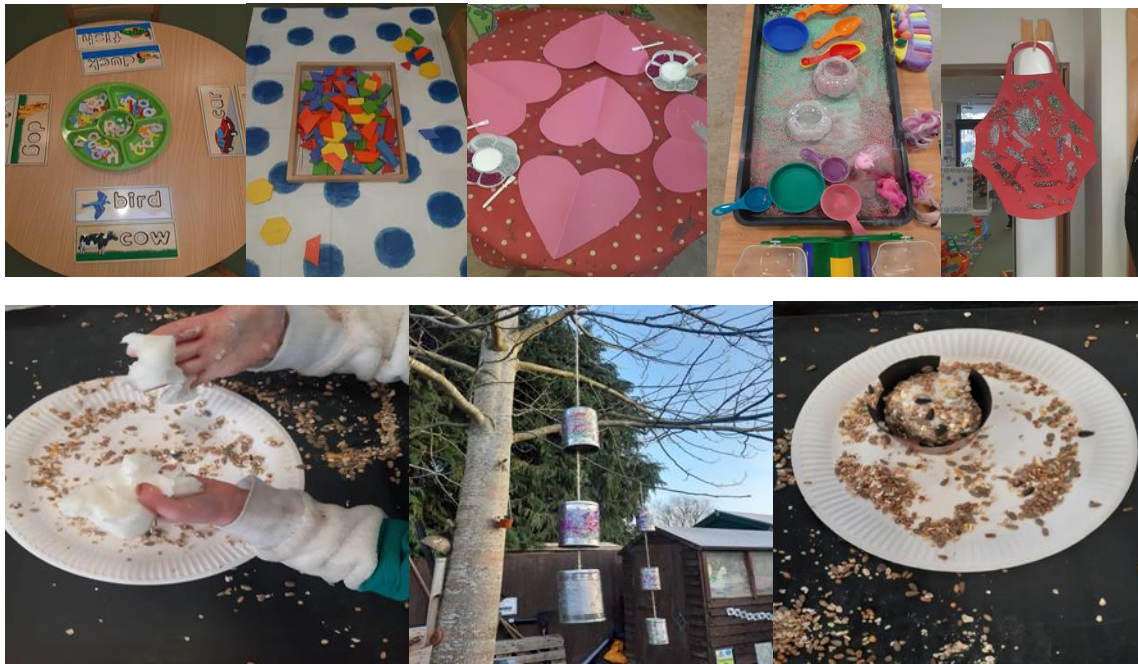




Tadpoles Newsletter

Week commencing 8th February 2021.



The children have had a creative week. They have been busy making Lantern's for Chinese New Year, decorating hearts for Valentine's day, making wind chimes for the garden and the messiest fun of all, making bird feeders. They have had so much fun doing all the activities this week. If you would like to have a go at making a bird feeder with the little ones this half term, I have attached a link for instructions. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/bird-feeder?collection=have-fun-at-home>



Things to do at home this half-term- We have a few links below to activity ideas that you may be interested in doing with your children. These activities are all aimed at children aged 2 to 5 year olds.

[15 of the best indoor activities for kids](#) - BBC Good Food

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

<https://www.gov.uk/.../help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn...>

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/how-to-make-a-volcano/>



Tapestry-Please keep sharing your pictures on Tapestry. We love seeing them and what the children have been doing. If you haven't already shared any pictures and you want your child to stay in contact, please feel free to post any pictures/comments of what they have been up to at home and we will respond. We look forward to seeing them.



Valentine's Raffle

This Saturday is your last chance to buy a raffle ticket. This year's prize is worth over £100. It includes a beauty treatment from Links of Beauty, £20 Voucher for One4all, wine, chocolates, cupcakes by Rebekah's Cake Kitchen, beautiful bouquet of flowers from The Floral Suite and a pamper kit. All you need to do is pick as many numbers as you want between 1-100. Numbers cost £5 each. Email us with the numbers you would like, to enquiries@tadpolescommunitypreschool.com. Once your numbers have been confirmed, please transfer the money to account number:00021879 sortcode:405240, Ref surname. The winner will be announced on Valentine's day. It would be brilliant if we can sell all 100 numbers, so please share with friends and family and if possible, please buy a ticket too. Thank you for your continued support. Good luck!

30 Hours free childcare

Please remember to reconfirm your child's 30 hours free eligibility should you need too. You are asked to reconfirm every three months and should receive an email 4 weeks before the end of the three months reminding you to login to your childcare account to reconfirm.

When to apply for 30-hour funding

You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July

You can apply outside of these recommended dates, but you might not receive your code on time. Please see link below for all information regarding all types of childcare funding.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



Dates for the diary

Half-term holiday- Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) 16th February. Please send us pictures of your pancake making through Tapestry.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-pancakes>

Hart Foodbank -Our friends at Hart Foodbank have asked us to inform you they are open for business as usual and their cupboards are full ready to be handed out to families in need. If you are struggling to feed your family in these difficult times, please get in touch so they we can arrange emergency food parcels. If you need support, you can contact Hart Foodbank directly on 07858 759218 St. Barnabas Church, Brinns Lane, Darby Green GU17 0BT for more information go to

<https://hart.foodbank.org.uk/>.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Please click [here](#) to book a Covid-19 test.

The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline support

The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline remains open to help if Coronavirus has had an impact on you or any aspect of your life, including anyone who is self-isolating.

Please call the helpline for advice and support.

The number to call is **0333 370 4000** and lines are open from **9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 4.30pm on Friday.**

It is important to stay up to date with the current advice. **The latest COVID-19 information from the NHS** is available at: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Once again thank you for your continued support and understanding at this complex time. Should you need anything else please call us. Stay safe and look after yourself and your families.

Have a lovely half term 😊

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