



Ronald Tree Nursery School



March

Parent's Newsletter 2023

Snack Money

We do not receive any funding from the Government for snacks. We please ask for 15 hour parents to pay £2.50 per week and 30 hour parents to pay £5 per week towards the cost of the snacks your child eats during their nursery sessions and for resources. This allows us to provide good quality, healthy food for your child. Please pay in an envelope with your child's name on at the beginning of each week, or you may pay monthly. If you need any envelopes they are available at each door and reception, please ask.

Thank you



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

Children can come to nursery in their pyjamas! **One Parent/Carer only please** is invited in at either **11.00am or 3.00pm** to join us for bedtime stories with Deb. The children will receive a book start pack in a Ronald Tree drawstring bag, and their £1 book token.



Illness

Please message us on the weduc app, or ring the school, if your child is going to be absent **for any reason** 01536 514240

We do monitor absence and need to know the reason please.

Places for September 2023

If your child is returning to nursery in September we will be asking you what place you would like. If both parents work the equivalent of 16 hours at minimum wage you can qualify for 30 hours funding in the term after your child turns 3 years. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information.

If your child is going to school we will be asking which school after the Easter holidays.

If you have younger siblings or know of anyone who would like a place at Ronald Tree for September, please call the office 01536 514240 or register on our website ronaldtreenursery.co.uk under contact us. Thank you.

Weduc app

We hope you are enjoying our new communication app. If you haven't already downloaded it please follow the link in the invitation email we sent you. If you have any queries please pop to the office to ask Claire or Mandy who will be happy to help you.

This is a great way to send messages, report absences, and to get up to date information from nursery.

Zamble African Dance Company

Are visiting Tuesday 7th March to entertain the children with African drumming and dancing.



Friday 31st March is the last day of term.

The nursery will be **closed** for the Easter break from Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April inclusive.

The nursery is **open** as normal from **Monday 17th April**.

We will also be closed on the Bank Holiday Mondays 1st and 8th May.

Please turn over

The staff wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday.



Attendance

Well done to all those children who continue to have excellent attendance at nursery. They will be rewarded at the end of term.

Although attendance at nursery is not compulsory, we fully believe regular attendance supports your child's resilience, social skills, and well-being. If they are poorly, of course you should keep them at home for cuddles, but if they are well enough to come and play, we'd love to see them! Do call the office if you're unsure and we can offer advice and support.

There are certain illnesses that are very contagious such as sickness and diarrhoea. Please keep your child off nursery for 48 hours after their last occurrence to stop this spreading. Please refer to our medical conditions policy on our website.
Thank you.



Comic Relief Friday 17th March

We ask you not to bring red noses to nursery as they are easily lost and can spread germs. Your child can wear something red to nursery instead please. A donation bucket will be available when you drop off your child.
Thank you



Ducklings!!

We are going to hatch some ducklings! The eggs will arrive on 13th March and should hatch a couple of days later. The ducklings will stay with us for about a week until they are re-homed locally.



Would you like to be a School Parent Governor?

Ronald Tree Nursery is run by a voluntary Governing Body and we have a vacancy for one parent governors. Parent governors play an important role in the management of the school. If you are interested, please speak to Claire on reception or Tina, our current parent governor. Thank you.

Safeguarding update

The staff continually promote safeguarding to the children. This term we will be looking closely at online safety. The children at Ronald Tree do not access online content without an adult. I pads are assigned to the practitioners and these are sometimes used to enhance learning. Occasionally, we share content on our big TV screen—such as Cbeebies programmes or popular stories.



We recognize that our children may have much more access to content at home through mobile phones and tablets. As such, it's very important that our families are aware of the best ways to ensure their child's safety while online. We have shared 2 links to support our families in this. Please take a look and stay informed. If you have any questions please speak to Deb. **Can we please use this opportunity to remind you that we do not permit the use of mobile phones on nursery grounds. Thank you.**



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety>