



DEAR PARENTS

W/C : 20/02/17

Dear Parents,

Each week you will find our **Dear Parents letter** on our indoor and outdoor noticeboard and also on the website for Polegate school at www.polegateschool.co.uk

We have been awarded a grant!

The nursery has won a HEPA grant from East Sussex County Council to help us promote the importance of healthy eating and physical exercise. This is something we will be exploring with the children, staff and nursery families throughout the year and building into our nursery ethos. We were very excited when some of our new resources, including outdoor play gym equipment and a mini greenhouse for our edible garden, arrived at the end of term. Hooray!

Our focus: 'My body and me'

At the end of last term the children were challenging themselves physically when exploring some of the new equipment. They also set up a little fruit and veg shop to sell to people in the home corner. We will use these child led ideas as a way into our 'Healthy me' theme by exploring our bodies this week. We will be naming body parts – parts of the face, arms, legs, hands, feet, neck and back, and beginning to think about how they work. We will also find out what the children already know about being healthy.

Sound of the week

20/02/17 is the sound **p** as in **pig** (repeated due to additions to the timetable for the end of term)

27/02/17 is the sound **i** as in **igloo**

06/03/17 is the sound **m** as in **mmmmmm** meal

Children are more than welcome to bring in an object that starts with the sound of the week.

Super interest for our phonic/pre reader parents workshop. Many thanks. Date and details to be confirmed.

Supporting their learning at home

You could practise naming different parts of the body with your child, introduce more complex language such as skeleton, muscles, elbow, ankle etc. Finger, hand and, if you are brave enough, foot printing is a fun, messy creative activity. They could also explore their shoe size or how tall they are, comparing with other family members.

New student teacher

For this term Nikita will be joining us. She is training to be a teacher and is in her second year of training. We are looking forward to her being part of our team for this term.

Data Sheets

Please return data collection sheets as soon as possible, new copies are available.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Love the Nursery Team