



DEAR PARENTS

W/C : 20/03/17

Dear Parents,

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

Our focus: 'Strive for Five'

We are continuing this focus with the children as they have really enjoyed exploring, investigating and tasting a wide range of fruit and vegetables. We will be extending their knowledge further by linking to the work we are starting on our edible garden and our Spring time focus in our outdoor learning.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th March 3–3.30pm
Early phonics reading workshop for parents

Wednesday 29th 9.15-9.45am
Early phonics and reading workshop for parents

Weds 29th March 1:30-3pm
'Springtime Fun' Open Afternoon

Thursday 30th March 2017
Last day of term

Friday 31st March 2017 INSET Day

Edible Garden SOS

If there are any keen gardeners out there who would be willing to share their knowledge or time with us, or if you have any plants you could donate we would be most grateful. Please see Mrs Trent.

Supporting learning at home

The children could be encouraged to explore and identify new fruit and vegetables while out shopping. Can the older children hear the initial sound it starts with? Eg 'c' carrot, 'p' potato. Point out signs of Spring while walking to Nursery. The children are more than welcome to add items for their home adventures to our Spring Nature table. We are beginning to look at signs of Spring, plants, growing, nests etc in our outdoor learning so all contributions welcome.

Reminder – Next academic year

If your child is staying on with us in September please let us know any changes to their hours by March 30th 2017. We are currently providing the 15 hours free child care for those that qualify. This is what you are asking for on your form, any additional hours you would still be required to pay for.

However if you are interested in the 30 hours free funding, which we are hoping to offer after the extension is complete (early 2018) please make a note on the form that you would be interested.

Staffing News

Many congratulations to our dear Taeko who is expecting a little boy. She will be on maternity leave soon after the Easter holidays and we have already arranged a suitable maternity replacement who is looking forward to meeting you and your lovely children.

Many thanks for your continued support and wishing all you lovely Mummies a super Mother's Day.

Love from the Nursery Team