



## March Update!

Happy Easter to all our children and families.

The nursery will be closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April to all children.

All term-time children will be on holiday from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April through to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April returning on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

We hope that you will manage to have some fun and relaxation over the holiday weekend with lots of Easter egg hunts. Just remember not to eat all the chocolate in one go.

### Buttercup

Buttercup have been exploring different cultures and celebrations. Recently we have been learning about Holi which is an Indian festival. We have had lots of fun doing this as through this we have looked at a variety of coloured messy play items. This has helped us to develop our cognitive development, using our senses and having the freedom to express ourselves and learn about others. The next celebrations we will be exploring will be Easter and Ramadan, through this we will be exploring star and moon sensory trays and Easter sensory trays, flash cards and spring animals. We have also had a nursery rhyme week where we have explored a variety of tuff trays linking to this. For example, 10 green bottles sensory, 5 little Ducks sensory and so on. This has really helped the children create an awareness of the links between props and the nursery rhymes we are singing and the development of their literacy and numeracy skills 😊!

### Daisy

Daisy have settled really well into their room after the time off and are starting to get used to the routine and becoming more independent, with face washing, handwashing and tidying up. They've been really focused on colours recently, naming them and matching/sorting them, we had a very successful colour week last week, with lots of effort put into the children's outfits for the day 😊 and also learning about animals, naming them and their noises.

### Snowdrop

Snowdrop room have been settling into their temporary room, working on independence (setting up for lunch and snacks, putting on their own jackets and shoes. The children have been interested in road safety, animals and we are now showing an interest in camping xx

### Bluebell

In Bluebell the children have been showing an interest in planting and spring. The children in the Bluebell room have been developing our planting area. We have been very busy planting more flowers, fruits and vegetables and would welcome any spare plants or seeds you may have.

### Staffing Update

Sadly, this month we said goodbye to Bethany and Sherena. Unfortunately, due to the restricted bus timetables it proved extremely difficult for Bethany to get here for her shifts. For this reason, she has decided to return to remote learning through the college to gain her qualification.

Sherena has left Almond Park Nursery due to family circumstances and health related reasons.

We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time with us and would like to wish them all the very best in their future career path.

We have appointed 3 new staff members to join our Almond Park Nursery Team. Alannah Hutton, Mya Hughes and Amy MacDonald. We look forward to working alongside them.

### Weather Appropriate Clothing

All clothing provided for weather appropriate play **MUST** be clearly labelled. Please ensure your child has the following items to allow them to access all play experiences, scarfs, gloves, hats, wellies, waterproof suits, and sun hats.

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As the nicer weather is approaching can we please ask that all children arrive at nursery with sun cream already applied. We will throughout the day reapply the sun cream where necessary.

If your child requires a specific sun cream, please provide this to the nursery clearly labelled.

**These items must remain in the nursery where possible.**

### **COVID 19**

*To help us deliver a successful programme for our nursery community we would ask that all parents and carers continue to follow the COVID 19 regulations and follow those requirements to the letter.*

*In particular, if anyone within your domestic bubble/household/support network is being tested for COVID 19, the whole household/bubble/network MUST self-isolate until the either 10 days have elapsed if the PCR test is positive, or the PCR test returns a negative result. No child should attend Almond Park Nursery whilst a test is underway, and the results are unknown.*

*Following this process will help ensure the whole Almond Park extended family is kept as safe as possible whilst COVID 19 remains within our wider community.*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter weekend closure

*We hope you find this interesting and please do speak with a member of staff if you would like further details or if you would like to comment or make suggestions for future topics.*