



WHAT'S ON AT WOODLANDERS?

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Spring has Sprung.

We hope that everyone had a lovely half term. It has been a great first couple of weeks and we are looking forward to the next. We have been very fortunate to receive some free oral health resources from the NHS this term and in all rooms they have been focusing on oral hygiene and health.

In our Oaks room we have been talking about Firefighters, police men and people that help us. We set up a role play area as a joint fire station and police station, the children had great fun dressing up, putting out pretend fires and taking each others finger prints.



Our oaks room children loved dressing up as firefighters

We would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents/carers that have taken the time to come in to both the Oaks and Elms Rooms and share their occupations with the children, this has really helped with our topic of jobs and the people that help us.

Elms children practicing good hygiene



In the Elms room the children have been talking about hand washing and how to keep our bodies healthy inside and out. We have made the most of the fair weather recently and spent loads of time outside playing in our beautiful garden and playground. We have been construction workers, Gardeners, and race car drivers!



enjoying time outside.

World Book Day 2023



It has been lovely to see all of you in your fantastic costumes for world book day and learning all about the books you love. In the spirit of world book day, just a quick reminder to please try and bring your child's book bags in with them, so they can choose a new book to share with you at home.

In recent studies it has shown that just 10 minutes of reading or sharing a story a day can have a massive positive impact on children's development.

During national Science week our Willows room have been exploring science and chemistry by creating bubbling potions and magical mud. We talked about the ingredients, and enjoyed watching the reactions.

We have welcomed a few new faces in Willows this term and have loved to watch them gain confidence and play with all their new friends. Well done everyone!

It has been a fantastic start to the term at forest school in the garden. As spring is here we have spent time planting bulbs and potting spider plants. The children have loved running and playing with their friends all finished off with a lovely hot chocolate of course!



Science experiments in the Willows room.



Upcoming events for your diary:

We have some exciting events happening soon which we hope you will support:

**Assault Course
Challenge.
24th-28th April
2023**

Starting on the 24th of April and lasting all week the children are invited to take part in a sponsored event. We are raising much needed funds for new outdoor play and construction resources. These help stimulate the children's imagination and problem solving skills.

**Volunteer
day
13th May 2023**

We are asking parents and carers if they can join some of the staff and trustees for an hour or two on Saturday 13th May 2023 10am -1pm, to help us maintain our lovely setting. We need help with: Painting, DIY, Gardening and Building. This is a great way to meet other parents, carers, staff and trustees. There will be plenty of tea/ coffee and cake for you to enjoy. We hope to see you there!

**Bags 2 school.
19th April 2023**



We have a Bags for school collection booked for the 19th April 2023, this is a great way to declutter after your spring clean and raise money for Woodlanders. you can donate: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen. Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)- Please drop your donations under the gazebo in the garden between 9 - 9.20am on the 19th.

**Munchkins
Spud
Club**

Term time Mondays
10am-12.30pm
at Woodlanders

Come for a hot lunch, messy play,
stories and songs for under
5s.

Adults £3.50 Children £1.50 each

We are here to help.

With the cost of living rising, we are aware that many families may be struggling to keep up, if this is the case, please do not hesitate to talk to us as there are many ways in which we can help. We have our "swap shop" that is set up under the shelter in the circle garden with coats, wellies, and clothing. If you need anything help yourselves. If we can help in any other way, please talk to your child's key person or email the office. - no questions asked, and anything discussed will be completely confidential. If you have any good quality coats, clothes and wellies that you would like to donate please pop them into the office.

Here are a list of contacts that may be able to help:

- <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-crisis/cost-of-living-help-and-support/>
- Ashburton Food bank: 07767453844 (leave a message), St Petrocs Cottage (opposite the surgery (2:30-4pm MON and THURS)
- Buckfastleigh Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis 01364 644485 info@buckfastleigh.foodbank.org.uk
- Community Fridge (Behind the town hall, opposite the short stay car park)-
ashburtoncommunityfridge@gmail.com
- Homeless in Teignbridge Support (HITS) Foodbank – Office hours: 01626 906371 • Emergencies: 01626 906371 (hitsfoodbank.org)

Additional information:

Term dates:
Our last day of term is Friday 31st March 2023 and we are back on Monday 17th April 2023.
Woodlanders will be closed:
Monday 1st May 2023- Bank Holiday; May day.
Monday 8th May 2023- Kings Coronation; Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May 2023- Late Bank Holiday .

Dates for your Diary:
24th -28th April 2023 Sponsored event
13th May 2023 Volunteer Day
19th April 2023 Bags 2 school

Who to contact.

Our Maple room is available to hire. For more information contact: officemanager@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

For bookings or session requests please email Charley: admin@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

For questions about funding or invoices please contact Kate: officemanager@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

If your child is ill or cannot come into their session, please pop a message on your tapestry account so that the rooms are aware. If you would like some support with using tapestry we have a handy how to guide. Ask your room leader for more information.