



Dear Parents and Carers,

1st March 2023

Hello March! It has been so lovely to see the sun shining, although it is still cold, it is definitely clear that spring is coming! We can't wait to see the flowers and plants blossoming, the birds chirping in the morning and having warmer weather and of course we have Easter! To celebrate

Easter, we will be having a 'Daffodil Tea' on Friday 31st March. The children would like to invite families to come along to have a cup of tea and a cake, while listening to the children perform a few songs, then afterwards join them in an Easter egg hunt!

Times are as follows;

AM children – 11.00am

TT children – 1:30pm

PM children – 3:30pm

Please come to the main doors at the school office.

Learning Updates- March Experiences

We have been so busy exploring 2D shapes in the nursery and some of our children have even been bringing in shapes they find from home! As we move into March, we will still continue to explore the properties of 2D shapes and be creative with them, find them in our environment and group objects together by shape.

We are also continuing to care for our environment and developing our understanding of being responsible to look after our resources. We are learning how to care for plants and flowers, learning what they need to grow.

We are taking our own learning down our own path using loose parts. We have used them to be creative and replicate our home experiences and are using them to count and sort. We are introducing smaller pieces to develop our fine motor skills. Along with developing our fine motor skills, which will help us to hold a pencil with the pincer grip, we are developing our gross motor skills through energetic play, and finding out about space awareness, to keep ourselves safe in our play and risk assess to engage in risky play.

We are learning about the roles and responsibilities of people who help us, and will explore what we do in an emergency.



We have been working on developing different strategies to regulate our emotions and feelings. We have been learning about different breathing techniques. One of the breathing techniques we are learning about is the 'triangle' breathing.

Forest Kindergarten

We have been delighted to get our forest kindergarten groups up and running. At the moment we have 2 different groups who have been risk assessing our area to look for hazards and to ensure it is safe, the children then counted how many children were there and that was their 'magic number'. The children have loved exploring the natural resources, gathering sticks to make their shelters and dens and have even enjoyed having hot chocolate in the forest!



Parental Engagement

We are pleased to say we have a date for our PEEP programme to start and would love to welcome parents who would be interested in this. It'll be held every Tuesday at 1:30pm for 6 weeks and your child comes with you! Please speak to Miss Hogan (Jillian) or Mrs. Patterson (Lee-Ann) if you would like to attend. More information on what PEEP is will be given at the first session but it is a lovely way to engage and learn with your child.

Snack, lunchtime and resources

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for snack and resources. This money goes directly back to the children and enables them to enjoy some tasty snack items during the day. Thank you for any contributions received.

Attendance and Absence

Please contact the nursery if your child will not be attending nursery. It is important that we know why your child won't be attending nursery each day.

Nursery Uniform and Outdoor Clothing

Please can we ask that the children wear suitable clothing for outdoor play whatever the weather- warm coats and wellie boots are a must! You can leave these in the nursery if you prefer. Children should either bring a pair of wellies to be kept in nursery or bring a pair everyday- we are having lots of fun playing outside in all weathers! Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in the nursery too. If we're outside having fun in the rain, we might get a little bit wet!



The feedback from our online learning journals has been fantastic. We hope that everyone is getting to access it regularly to check on your child's progress. Please get in touch if you have not had access yet or if your e-mail address changes. We have loved the interactions from families on learning journals and have enjoyed seeing some home achievements uploaded. We welcome any achievements and love to celebrate success from putting on a jacket to joining a new club. Please share any successes or photographs of your child with us on the 'parent contribution' tab on your child's profile.

All staff observe all children throughout their time at nursery and will add observations on to the learning journals. We are aiming for all children to have at least 2 updates per month on what they have been learning about on their journals. We do welcome feedback on this, as we are looking for ways to improve.

Communication with Parents and Carers

Our main method of communication continues to be the school Twitter account, which can be accessed on most web browsers at <https://twitter.com/SikesidePS> . It is not necessary to have a Twitter account to view the page. If you do have a Twitter account, follow @SikesidePS to keep up-to-date with school news and @SikesideN <https://twitter.com/sikesiden> to keep up to date and see what is happening in our nursery class. We also communicate via email through our school and nursery email system. Newsletters and other pieces of information are emailed out to parents via this method.

Please find the recent inspection report that was completed on January 20th 2023 by care inspectorate on their website www.careinspectorate.com and searching for 'Sikeside Nursery Class', where the report PDF can be downloaded.

Raffle Donations

We are collecting prizes for our Easter raffle that will be held at our Daffodil Tea. We are looking for bottles, body stuff, vouchers etc. anything that you may think we could use. We have already started to receive wonderful donations for the prizes, so thank you very much! Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th March up until and on the day of our Daffodil Tea. All monies made will be used to buy the children new resources.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th March – PEEP session 1:30pm

Friday 31st March – Daffodil Tea

AM 11am

TT 1:30pm

PM 3:30pm

Easter Holidays – School closes to TT children on Friday 31st March at 2:45pm and
Re-opens on Monday 17th April

Nursery closed to all children on Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April.

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