



NEWSLETTER - March 2020

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Welcome back!

The children settled straight back into Preschool/Nursery last week, after the half-term break, and were excited to share with us what they had been up to.

Learning and development

As part of our continuous support in helping the children to experience the awe and wonder of the world in which we live, we have learnt about and carried out activities (and tasted foods) relating to Valentines' day, Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake day and St. David's Day.

Our learning and development plan for this week focuses on **World Book Day (Thursday 5th March)**. We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters, or just simply in their pyjamas for a cosy read. We read a lot to the children on a daily basis and try to expose them to both fiction & non-fiction books relevant to what they are learning. The majority of World Book Day tokens were handed out at the end of last week as they are valid between 27th February and 29th March 2020. Please let us know if you require one. 'Supertato' is a favourite amongst the children so be sure to get your copy whilst stocks last.

The learning focus for the next few of weeks is relevant to upcoming notable events such as British Science Week, Nutrition and Hydration Week, St. Patrick's Day World Oral Health Day, World Poetry Day and Mother's Day; we have also been focusing on specific letters, numbers and shapes. Weekly/Fortnightly learning and development plans are attached to the parent info. board.

Health and Safety

Coronavirus Covid-19 The current advice from Warrington Borough Council and Public Health England is that parents should continue sending their children in to school as normal, unless they feel unwell.

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways, caused by a coronavirus. The UK Chief Medical Officers have identified it as a moderate risk to the public. The **symptoms** of coronavirus are a cough, a high temperature and shortness of breath, but these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

Prevention - to help stop viruses like coronavirus spreading, you can:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often (or if not available, use hand sanitiser gel)
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Use the 111 coronavirus service if you think you might have coronavirus, if you've recently been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus - see [coronavirus advice for travellers](#), and/or if you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Call 111 if you need to speak to someone.

NHS guidance can be accessed at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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The children are continuing to enjoy the opportunity to take part in **the daily mile**; walking, jogging or running in or around the school playground on a daily basis. May I remind parents and carers to ensure their children are come into the setting in trainers or canvas shoes to enable the children to remain safe whilst being active.

Session requests for 2020

I would be grateful if those who have not already informed me of their session requests for children looking to extend their hours in the proceeding terms, email me at their earliest convenience to avoid any disappointment. Thank you.

Donations

Outdoor provision We are keen to further improve our outdoor facilities, so, if the company you work for (or own) are able to help, or if you know of anyone who could help, we would be grateful of anything that would help improve our outdoor provision.

Indoor provision We are also looking for our carpets to be changed.

Snacks Thank you for all the donations of fresh fruit, especially those who have offered to bring them in on a regular basis. We will keep you informed if we build-up a surplus.

Easyfundraising Croft Early Years is a not-for-profit pre-school and a registered charity. All extra funds we can raise go towards providing a better learning experience for the children. You can help our fund-raising just by doing your online shopping! We have joined easyfundraising.org.uk to help you to help us raise funds every time you buy almost anything online. You don't pay anything extra - the donation comes from the retailer - most of the major shops are there to choose from. Please [sign up today](#) and bookmark the page, so that you always start your shop at easyfundraising.org.uk. Many thanks.

Staff Update

In anticipation of Kerry going on maternity leave after Easter, we have a new addition to our Staff team, Corina, who has Qualified Teacher Status and years of EYFS experience. Lisa has also returned as auxiliary staff (in addition to Liz) on Wednesdays and Kate U. & Kate V. will continue as bank staff. This will all be updated on the website in the coming weeks.

Croft Carnival

We have been informed that this year's theme is 'Save Our Planet.'

If anyone is able to offer help by way of providing a float and driving it via a tractor, we would be most grateful if you could let the office know at your earliest convenience.

Notable Dates

March	1/3/20	St. David's Day
	3/3/20	World Wildlife Day
	5/3/20	World Book Day
	6/3/20	British Science Week
	9/3/20	Sport Relief
	11/3/20	Nutrition and Hydration Week
	17/3/20	St. Patrick's Day
	20/3/20	World Oral Health Day
	21/3/20	World Poetry Day
	22/3/20	Mother's Day
	26/3/20	Purple Day

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, Penny