Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following children who have joined our Footprints Family this year… Our babies Callum, Gabriella, Jack, Rosie and Samuel, Lucy in our toddler room and Max and Wilfred in our pre-school room. You are all settling so well, I love seeing your little smiley faces!

Dates for the Diary

We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few months, make sure to add a few key dates to your diary:

5th March – World Book Day
Children can come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character.
23rd March – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
We would like to welcome all Mummies, Aunties, Nannies, Grandmas and any other special ladies in your child's life to join us for our afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day.

2nd April – Parents' Evening (6pm-8pm)
Appointment forms will be available on each room door nearer the time.

Ollie's Army Fundraiser

OLLIE'S ARMY
Battling Against Battens

Thank you so much to each and every one of you who helped us raise £850 at our Christmas Fayre for Ollie's Army! A big thank you to the many businesses and individuals who donated gifts and contributed to the day. To find out more about Ollie's Army, please follow the link: https://olliesarmy.co.uk/

Congratulations Macc!

Huge congratulations to our Macclesfield Nursery who had their Ofsted inspection at the end of last year and were awarded Outstanding status for the second time. To read their Ofsted inspection report please follow the link: https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50130071.

LearningBook App

LearningBook™ Moments matter to us

My Learning Book

LearningBook have now released their Android Parent App alongside their Parent Portal and IOS App. You can now download the dedicated, feature-rich app to help engage with your child's learning journey whilst they're at Footprints. With the app you can add photos, comment on observations and receive push notification to get instant updates!

Download the IOS App for IPhones here:
https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mylearningbook/id1464698442
Download the Android App here:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.learningbook.mylearningbook

Please remember to sign your child in and out at reception during drop-off and pick-up times.

Safeguarding

Thank you for your positive response to our new safeguarding procedures at Bollington to ensure the safety of our children and the children who attend Dean Valley. We will now be escorting all visitors up and down the path and any persons seeking to gain entry to Footprints during the school children's break times will also be escorted.

School Car Park

Can I please remind you that Footprints parents must not park in the school car park at any time – this is part of our safeguarding procedures but it has also delayed school and nursery staff getting in to work due to them having to wait to find a parking space. Thank you.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have recently reviewed our sickness and illness policy and we have now included Hand, Foot and Mouth' as one of our exclusion illnesses. Children displaying symptoms of H, F & M will be asked to stay away from the nursery until the spots have scabbed over. We have had some very poorly babies with this illness so I hope you understand our reasoning for making these changes

Nappies

Over the last term we have spent some time reviewing our Nappy changing/Toileting policy after it came to light that the most popular choice of nappies has changed. As part of our settling in periods for new children parents inform us of their baby or child's routine and their home choices. Many parents have informed us they are using different nappies to what we use here so we have decided to buy in a range of Tesco nappies to trial.

Menu

Thank you for your responses to my email about menus. The main feedback we received was for more vegetarian options to be included throughout the week. Most of the other feedback we already do which was great to hear! We are using this information to put together our Summer menu.

Upcoming Celebrations

Here are a few of the festivals we will be celebrating over the next few weeks. Do you or your family celebrate a festival that is not on our list? If so we would love to hear from you so we can celebrate it at nursery. What do you celebrate, how do you celebrate it?

Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) – Tuesday 25th Feb
St David's Day – Sunday 1st March
Mother's Day – Sunday 22nd March
World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
St Patrick's Day – Sunday 17th March
St George's Day – Thursday 23rd April

Staffing Update

Baby Room

Angela

Charlotte

Aymi

Aimee

Toddler Room

Tori

Molly

Toni

Rebecca

Photo coming soon

Roberta

Amy

Tots Room

Kelly

Daniela

Tasha

Pre-school Room

Melissa

Amy

Olivia

Emily

Take care, see you soon
Rachel

If you have access to social media and would like to see what activities and achievements are going on in our nursery day to day, then please like us on Facebook and on Twitter.

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