



# Foxglove Violet Hill

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Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. A particularly warm welcome to all our new families; we hope you enjoy your time with Foxglove.

## Nursery closure due to weather

If the weather forces closure of Foxglove we will let you know by email and messages on Tapestry. Please check if Nursery is open before setting off from home.

## Forest Schools

Forest Schools will start again just after half term. There are spaces in the afternoon session from 1.30 to 3.30pm for children aged 3 and over on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

It will be wonderful to watch the spring coming to the woods.

## Library

Library this term will be on a Tuesday at 12.30 and 4pm.

Please pop in and borrow a book!

## Letter sound and number of the week

Every week we have a featured letter sound and a number of the week. Children are invited to bring in an item that starts with the letter sound or relates to the number. Please name anything that your child brings to nursery, and nothing too precious please.

Week beginning	Letter	Number
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	r	1
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	h	2
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	b	3
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	f	4
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	l	5
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	j	6

We are holding a parent workshop to help you to help your child with the early stages of reading and writing. See below for the date.

## Focus book

The children at Foxglove love listening to, and looking at books. We are planning to focus on different books over the course of the term, to encourage this love of reading.

Our books for this half term will be:

The Three Little Pigs

Room on a Broom

The Gingerbread Man.

## Staff News

We were sorry to say goodbye to Louise at the end of last term, but we are delighted to welcome Liz Breckenridge to Foxglove Violet Hill.

Jackie is now Deputy Manager alongside Lizz Reed.

Lindsey remains as Principal.

We are currently recruiting for an Early Years Practitioner and an administrative assistant. Please ask for details if you are interested.

## Application for a school place

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020, the deadline for applications for a place is midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Whilst we cannot advise on your choice of school, we are very happy to help in any other way you need. Please just ask.

## Parking

Chilton School have asked that we remind parents that they are not permitted to park in the school car park at any time. If you have a disabled parking badge please contact the school office. Please stay on the pavement as you walk around the car park.

There is a footpath from Kent Road that is available in the morning until 9.15am and in the afternoon from 2.45pm.

### **Spring term 2020 - 12 weeks**

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### **Summer term 2020 - 12 weeks**

Starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### **Packed lunches for lunch club**

Children can bring a packed lunch to eat with their friends and teachers. We provide water to drink, but children can bring a drink if they choose.

Thank you for all your support in sending healthy packed lunches. Eating well in the Early Years sets up good eating patterns for life.

Grapes and cherry tomatoes can be a choking hazard. Please cut these lengthwise before sending for lunchclub.

No chocolate, sweets or crisps please, and **no nuts**.

### **Stay and play**

You are invited to stay with your child during one of their normal sessions and join in with their play and learning. Please speak to Lindsey if you are interested and we can arrange a date for you to come in.

We would also like to invite any parents with exciting and interesting jobs to come and talk to the children about their work. We have previously welcomed vets, doctors,

### **Dates for your diary**

Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Parent's meetings for **parents of children who have started at nursery this term**. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's key person and have a chat about how your child has settled in and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Forest Schools starts.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World book day. Come to Nursery dressed as your favourite character from a book.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm

Parents workshop - Starting to read and write.

This will be at Foxglove Montessori Nursery off Onehouse Road

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 4.15 onwards

Parent's afternoon for **parents of children who were with us last year**. This is a chance to chat to your child's key person and discuss their progress since last term.

Please don't hesitate to ask me or your child's key person if you have any questions or concerns. It is usually easier to give you our full attention at the end of the session rather than the beginning. Looking forward to a great term,

Lindsey Harvey  
Principal