### Dates for your diary

28 March is a Teacher Training Day setting closed for staff training.

29 March Bank Holiday setting closed.

1<sup>st</sup> April Bank Holiday setting closed.

2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Break for Term time only children.

6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday setting closed.

27<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday setting closed.

14<sup>th</sup> June Teacher Training Day

## **Celebrations in March**

7<sup>th</sup> March is world book day when all schools and nurseries celebrate their love of books. Please feel free to come dressed as any book character and bring in the book if you have it. We will be reading lots of our favourite stories together.

10<sup>th</sup> March is Mother's/special person Day, we will be celebrating our mums or special person showing them how much we love and appreciate them. The children have been making little gifts.

11-15<sup>th</sup> March is British Science Week.

The week aims to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm, and celebrate science. We will be doing lots of various experiments in all rooms that we will share with you to try at home.

15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. The day when we all join to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world while having lots of fun.

£1.00 donation is optional but appreciated.



## 2 Year Funding April

Tree Tots is accepting the 2-year-old funding for all existing eligible children. Please hand in your codes to the office for a consent to validate form. Validation will take place as soon as we can access the live portal but please don't worry as long as we have your code, and it is correct there should not be any problems.

For those children that turn 3
Between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

If you wish to start accessing the 30 hours of childcare, you must make an application via HMRC. If eligible you will receive an 11-digit eligibility code. Parents must renew this code approximately every three months via HMRC. Reminders will be sent by HMRC.

You can do this by logging onto www.wiltshire.gov.uk (30 Hour Check eligibility).



Please can children leave their precious toys at home. The children get so upset when they get lost, and the staff feel the pressure of not loosing them. X

#### **Fee Increase**

A letter explaining the fee increase which will be implemented from April 2024 has been sent out via EyLog. If you have not received one, please do let me know. There is also a copy of this on the front door and in each of the rooms.

A consumable contribution is required for children who are eligible for the early years' entitlement. This is a contribution towards the costs of our healthy home cooked food and the additional range of activities that we provide over and above the expected early years curriculum.

If you elect to not pay the contirbution, please notify the setting manager how you will either pay for these items separately or provide your own. Any parents electing not to pay the consumable contribution would need to collect their child over the lunch/teatime period. For further information please refer to the parent contract point 9. Alternatively please refer to the parent section on <a href="https://www.tnbearlyyears.org">www.tnbearlyyears.org</a> and click onto Tree Tots where there is also a copy of the parental agreement.



# This month's Curriculum

For the month of March, we are looking at the season Spring. The children have already been looking at the Daffodils growing and making their own pictures of what they see.

We have frog spawn in Saplings that all children check in on daily to see the change, currently we have arms.

There will be a copy of the month's curriculum in each room if you would like to see what is planned for the children.

## lastly

most children now have slippers but there is still a few that don't so please could you bring in a pair, the children have really got, to grips with the routine which is great. Thank you.