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PRE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This term we have had lots of imaginary play in our Flower Shop and Cafe Home Corner. Children have really enjoyed playing both customer and shop owner, as well as creating their own 'plants' to buy and sell. It has been a great opportunity for our younger children to develop their turn-taking and key vocabulary around these themes and for our older children to enhance their subject-specific vocab and role play skills. They've loved it!

As the weather has cleared, we have had lots of outdoor play where children have made Spring Soup and focused on colour matching with paints, chalks and small items to explore categories and colours. Construction and cars have both continued to be popular, as well as the beautiful creations for Mother's Day and Easter at the craft table.

Our **Tuesday Forest School** sessions have explored the change of seasons with log collecting and plenty of planting. Children have enjoyed daffodil printing as well as playing in their woodland dens. Thursday Sports Sessions have focused on multi-sports this term, with yoga and football being clear favourites with the children! As Spring can be mixed with the weather, please do continue to send your child in with **clearly named all-weather clothing**. We go outside in the rain, wind and all weathers so it's really helpful if children have appropriate items on their pegs. We are, of course, hoping for sunshine after Easter so this also extends to sun hats and sun cream, please! We will be sending an update on our sun cream policy next term.

It is with real sadness that we have had to make the difficult decision to close our Piling site at Easter. As you are probably aware from the media, the Early Years childcare sector is struggling with low funding and increased rates and with increased rent it became untenable to maintain the setting. We are welcoming Carol-Anne back to our Oveston setting after Easter as Pre-School Leader and Kati as a Pre-School Assistant. We have sadly had to say goodbye to Pre-School Assistants Rhona and Geraldine, who we thank for their amazing contributions to both of our settings.

Our Oveston setting remains open and we are already fully booked on a few days from September! If you do wish to increase your hours at all next year, please let me know as soon as possible.

The final day of term is this Friday 31st March and we return on Monday 17th April.

Wishing you a healthy and restful Easter break,

Rachel Curtis

Pre-School Manager



