

# NEWSLETTER

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## NURSERY RHYMES



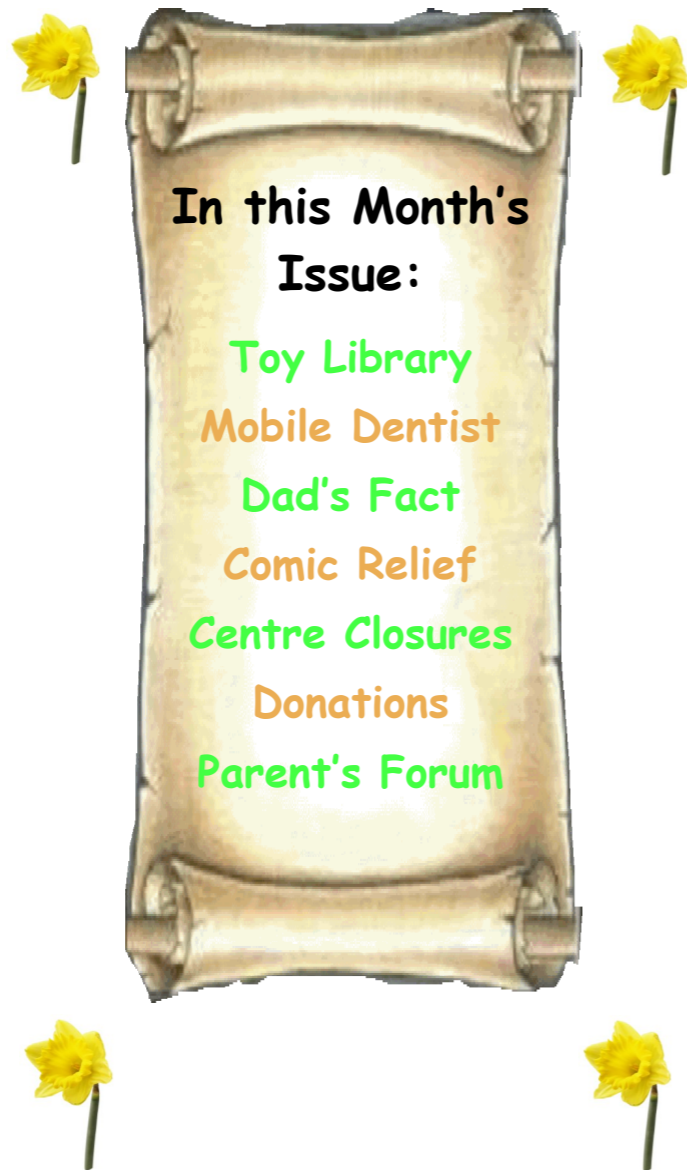
### Mary had a little lamb

Mary had a little lamb,  
Little lamb, little lamb.  
Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was white as snow  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The Lamb was sure to go.



### Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy Spider  
Climbed up the water spout,  
Down came the rain  
And washed the spider out  
Out came the sun  
And dried up all the rain  
Then incy wincy spider  
Climbed up the spout again.



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## Leapfrogs & Tweenies News

This month both Leapfrogs and Tweenies will be focussing on Spring and changes in outdoor environment as the children have noticed that changes are starting to happen. We will also be working with the children on gathering their ideas on what they would like to see in their playground. We will be celebrating Pancake day on Shrove Tuesday and looking at ways of getting the children to enjoy taking part in daily exercise sessions. Why not take your little one's to your local park. This is a free day out and a good chance for the children to experience the different seasons. (Don't forget to take their wellies and waterproofs for puddle jumping.)

## Baby News

After our visit from Kim at Kimbles, the children are very interested in exploring what their bodies can do, so we will be continuing to encourage them to develop their physical skills and taking safe risks. Please can we remind all parents to bring in nappies, wipes and clothes for their children. Also if your child needs Calpol whilst attending the Centre, please note staff are only allowed to administer prescribed Calpol and only if Parent/Carers has completed and signed a medicine form before leaving your child in our care. Lastly, please can we ask all parents/carers to write a comment on the Parent's Voices Board in Baby/Tweenies Room. Your comments are valuable and are used to plan activities and experiences around your child's interests.

## Toy Library

The Toy Library will be visiting the Centre on **Friday 18th March** from **10.30am - 11.30am**. There are a range of toys available for you to borrow which are suitable for ages 0 - 12 years. There are also special needs toys available.

This is a great way of keeping the children entertained as well as having a different variety of toys which can be handed back when they are bored of them.

## Mobile Dentist

The mobile dentist will be visiting the centre on: **Tuesday 12th April** from **9.30am - 4.00pm**.

If your child is in our care on this day and you would like them to be seen by the dentist, please could you complete a parent consent form at Reception. Many Thanks.



## Dad's Fact



Infants who have time alone with their dad show richer social and exploratory behaviour than children not exposed to such experiences.

## Contact Numbers

It is vital that you keep us up to date with your current contact details in case of emergency. Please could you inform Staff on reception of any changes as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

## Comic Relief



**Friday 18th March**

**Red Nose Day  
(Comic Relief)**



This year for Comic Relief we will be asking parents/grandparents/carers if they would like to take part in a monster Red Nose Day quiz. It's just 50p per person and the quiz can be completed at home and brought back to us by **6pm Thursday 17th March**. Whoever answers the most questions correctly will win a full days free childcare 8am - 6pm. Also, if your child attends the Centre on Friday 18th March we are asking all staff and children to come in Fancy Dress or Red clothes and to make a small donation of £1.00 please for this good cause.

## Parent's Forum

Our next Parent's Forum will be held here at the Centre on **Wednesday 30th March**. The first session will be from **1.00pm - 2.00pm** so if you are unable to make this time, the next one will be from **4.30pm - 6.00pm**. We would love for all moms/dads/carers to attend as it's a really good chance to see our planning, policies and to have a look at our routines. Please feel free to ask and questions or make suggestions.

## Mother's Day Tea

Another date for your diary!  
**Monday 4th April** we will be having a 'Mother's Day Tea'. Enjoy a singing Performance from the children to Mum/Nan. Receive your handmade gifts along with nibbles and drinks. The Tea Party will be from **4.00pm - 5.00pm** but if you are able to come a bit earlier there will be a lady coming in to do a **free taster yoga session** from **3.30pm - 4.00pm**.

## 3 to 4 Funding

Does your child turn 3 by the 31st March or do you know a parent/carer of a child that does? If so they will be entitled to 15 hours free childcare per week during the summer term. Spaces are limited, so please contact the Centre on 01922 694143 to reserve your summer term place now.

## Donations

If anyone has any of the following items that they no longer use we would really appreciate any donations please:

- Good condition books on Fire Engines, Ambulances, Vets e.t.c.
- Baby Bath and Top & Tail bowl
- Double pushchairs.

## Special Dates

**Tuesday 8th March** - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

**Thursday 17th March** - St Patrick's Day

**Sunday 20th March** - First Day of Spring

## Centre Closures

The Centre will be closed in April for Easter on the following days:

**Fri 22nd April**

**Mon 25th April**

**Tues 26th April**

**Fri 29th April** (Royal Wedding)

## Easter Eggstravaganza

On **13th April** from **4pm - 5pm** why not come along to our Family Easter Egg-stravaganza! There will be many different activities going on such as an Easter bonnet parade, staff egg and spoon races, Easter egg hunt, cake stall, Easter sing-a-long songs and a raffle. We will send you out more details nearer the time. Everyone Welcome.

## Baby Massage

There will be a baby massage course being held here at the Centre. It is a 5 week course beginning **Wednesday 9th March** and is for babies from 8 weeks to 8 months (pre-crawling). The cost of the course is £20.00 which needs to be paid in advance and covers the whole cost of the course.. Please call the centre to book as limited spaces are available.

