



# Boston Nursery School Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Welcome back. We hope you had a good and safe Christmas and we would like to wish you all a happy and joyful New Year.

After the disappointment of being unable to attend a live performance of our Nativity last term, we hope you were able to enjoy our modified version of the Nativity through story and rhyme. The filmed performance is available to view on youtube at:

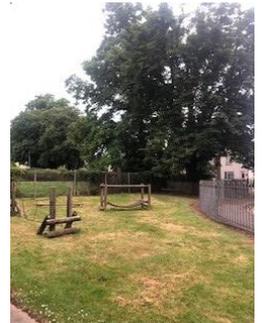
<https://youtu.be/oMdd96W9KQo>

If you have any Nativity costumes that your child no longer wants to play with, or is likely to outgrow before next Christmas, please consider donating them to nursery so that we can build up a stock of costumes for future Nativity performances, thank you.



## [Our Great Outdoors Project](#)

Last term we also had some exciting news - we won the Dobbie's Garden Centre online competition for an award of £500 towards the development of our outdoor area at the front of nursery.



Please look out for the changes in the months to come. We hope to be able to use this exciting new space, inspired by forest school provision, as soon as the weather and conditions allow us to realise our plans.

We also have a very skilled project leader, Beth Cooper, who gained a Distinction in her Level 2 Forest School Diploma. Well done, Beth! We are very excited about the things she has planned for us.



## Coronavirus Update



Please note that, for the sake of reducing transmission of the virus, the school office and wider building continue to be closed to parents and carers. However, should you need to contact us, you may telephone nursery on 01205 358647, and we will respond as quickly as possible. Our staff are still here and eager to help.

### A Reminder about Coronavirus Symptoms

You **must not** send your child into school with coronavirus symptoms - no matter how mild those symptoms might be.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature - this means your child **feels hot to touch on their chest or back** (you do not need to measure your child's temperature);
- a new, continuous cough - this means **coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours** (if your child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your child's sense of smell or taste - this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste

anything, or things smell or taste different from normal.



Your child does not have to exhibit all the symptoms above - **just one**. Most children have

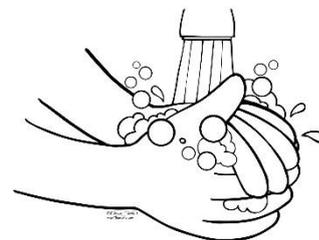
mild symptoms. Never-the-less, **do not** bring them into school if they are unwell, or showing any of the Covid symptoms described above, as we will send home any child who shows symptoms, no matter how mild.

Unless the school is advised of a negative Lateral Flow or PCR test result, your child will not be able to return to school for ten days. If your child has symptoms, they still require a negative PCR test result.

This is still in line with the Government guidelines.

**Should your child's test result be positive, please contact the school as a matter of urgency.** It is important to continue to take this disease seriously, and it is illegal to break isolation laws.

### Handwashing and Covid-19



Everyone in nursery is washing their hands more often, using soap and water.

The Government recommends keeping rooms well ventilated, even in wintery weather. This means there may be days when your child feels a little chilly, so please feel free to send them to nursery with warmer clothes, for example, an extra, warm jumper, woolly hat, scarf and gloves, and of course a warm outdoor coat. We will continue to make the most of our outdoor area most days, even in winter, especially as viral transmission outdoors is limited.

### [Admission to Primary School in September 2022 - Act Now!](#)

Applications for a primary school place, for all children who will be aged 4 years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022, must be submitted to Lincolnshire County Council who allocate places on behalf of all Lincolnshire Primary Schools.

You may apply online at:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

or you can make a telephone application by contacting the Education Team on 01522 782030. The closing date to secure a place is **before 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Please remember to let Mrs Carr know your three preferred choices of schools.



### [Boston Nursery School Provision for three- and four-year-olds](#)

Every three and four-year-old child is entitled to 15 hours a week at our teacher-led Nursery, **completely free**. This can be taken in the morning, in the afternoon or all day, as long as we have enough places available. Afternoon places are usually easier to secure than morning places which are regularly oversubscribed. They also ensure that your child gets a little extra attention as the classes are smaller.

As well as 15 free hours a week, we offer additional sessions. You may choose mornings, afternoon, or a mix of both, including full days - or even 5 full days a week. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be purchased at a cost of £12.50 for 3 hours. This is extremely competitive locally. Eligible working parents may be entitled to **30 free hours** for their child. Lunch club is also available if required. Children bring their own packed lunch, and a fee of £3 to cover supervision costs is required for each lunch club session attended.

## [Boston Nursery School provision for two-year-olds](#)

We also have a classroom dedicated to two-year-olds, at a cost of £14.50 per session, although some two year olds may be entitled to 15 free hours (5 morning or afternoon sessions). Please contact nursery school for further information. We recommend afternoons as your child is likely to get a little extra attention in a smaller group.

If you know anyone else who might benefit from our excellent nursery school facilities, please let them know. Remember, we are also the only local provider with **fully qualified, schoolteachers**.

### [Some General Reminders](#)

If you have changed your address, e-mail address or telephone number recently, please ensure that you have let Mrs Carr, our administrator, know. We must be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Also, ensure that the school has at least one other emergency telephone contact, in addition to your own, in case we are unable to contact you. Remember that this number may also need updating.

Also, please remember to telephone nursery **on the morning of the first day** of your child's absence, whatever the reason.

We would also like to remind you of our nursery session times - morning sessions are 8.45 am to 11.45 am, and afternoon sessions are 12.30pm to 2. 45 pm or 3.30pm. Collection at other times must be agreed

with the nursery in advance to minimise disruption to teaching and learning.



Some children risk suffering a life-threatening reaction to nuts, even by being in the vicinity of a nut. For this reason, we ask that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.

The Early Years Curriculum for under 5s requires children to be able to play outdoors in all weathers, except in extreme weather conditions. We would like to remind you to send your child to nursery with a warm winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves. It is also helpful for all children's clothing and footwear to be named. In addition, we often play outdoors in puddles and in the sand-pit. For this play children will need a pair of wellies that are named and left at nursery school.



We are running low on our spare clothes,

especially underwear, socks, and trousers/leggings. The children are still learning to control their toileting and accidents do happen. If you could return any of nursery's shoes and clothes, we would appreciate it. Also, if you have any good quality, spare children's underwear, socks, and trousers/leggings (aged 2 - 5 years) which you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful and could replenish our currently low stock. Thank you.

### Healthy Eating

Boston Nursery School promotes healthy eating and good oral health, meaning all children at Boston Nursery School are provided with a free, healthy drink and snack during each session they attend. Our children also drink water, or milk out of cups, not drinking bottles - even our youngest children. Please do not send a snack or drink to nursery with your child unless it is for their lunch, if they are attending lunch club.

We also encourage our children to eat all their lunch, rather than graze across a selection of food stuffs. To help your child eat a healthy lunch, please send a suitable range and amount of food for a young child's lunch. This will promote good health and support healthy, life-long eating habits.

### This Term's Themes:

Little Owls will be finding out all about 'Colours' and engaging in lots of sensory experiences to help them learn the names of colours all around them. The leaders of Little Owls have a lot of fun activities planned!



Big Owls will be learning about 'The Weather' and will be having their very own weather watch week later in the term. Please help your child to experience all the different types of weather first-hand, by wearing appropriate clothing and going outdoors, whatever the weather! Mrs Crawford also has a term full of exciting activities planned.



Please do visit our nursery school website for information about the nursery, and for more resources to support your child's learning.

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school>

You can also find us on Facebook. Please support us by following and liking our page.



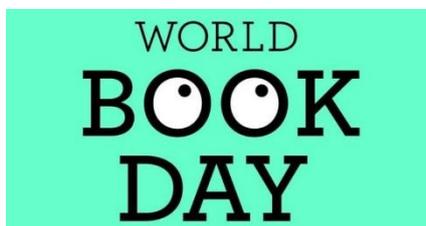
More and more pre-schoolers are getting their own tablets or borrowing their parents' devices to play games, use apps, and watch their favourite TV shows. See up-to-date advice on simple things you can do to make sure your child is using the internet safely.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

[Keeping Children Safe On Line](#)

### Dates for your Diary

[World Book Day is Thursday 3rd March 2022.](#)



The children will be enjoying lots of books and we will also be asking them to dress up as story book characters to help us celebrate with other children around the world. You can share stories together by clicking on the following link too, <https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

[Red Nose Day is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022](#)



We will be having fun and fundraising on Red Nose Day too!

[Parents' Evening Consultation Meetings](#)

These will be held with your child's keyworker on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 3.45 -6pm both evenings. We will inform you if they will be face-to-face or via telephone call once Covid Restrictions in March are made clear.

Remaining Term Dates 2021-2022:

**TERM 3:** Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 11th February 2022

29 days

**TERM 4:** Monday 21st February 2022 - Friday 1st April 2022

30 days

**TERM 5:** Wednesday 20th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022

*May Day Monday 2nd May 2022*

27 days

**TERM 6:** Monday 6th June 2022 - Friday 22nd July 2022

35 days