

Diocese of Brentwood  
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Dear Family



**RE:** We are continuing our topic on 'Good News'. Thank you for sending in the bees and butterflies and sharing your child's good news. Our 'flower' is looking good! As May is the month of Mary we are saying the rosary during prayer time. We are using one set of 10 rosary beads each day, saying 'Mary our Mother, pray for us' for each bead and then the 'Hail Mary'. Your child is welcome to bring in their own rosary beads from home to use at prayer time if they would like to. Thank you to those children who have already bought their rosary in.



**Literacy:** This week we have continued practising writing our names and trying to form the letters correctly. Please remember to keep practising at home. Thank you. We have learnt 2 new sounds - 'i' and 'n' this week and we have used sound fans to try to find the different sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', and 'n'. The children have tried to make vc and cvc words with them, such as, 'at', 'in', 'is', and 'sat', 'pit' and 'tap'.



**Bug Club:** This is an on-line reading club where your children are able to access books for you to read to your children. Please remember to read these books with your child. Their login details for Bug Club is in the back of their yellow library record book. If you are having problems please let us know.

**Maths:** This week we have been practising naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes. We also talked about where we can see these shapes in the environment. We have used number fans to find numbers to 9 and then we tried to make some numbers to 20 using 2 number cards! The children are very good.



**Life-cycles:** This week we have continued our Mini Beasts topic. We have been to see the eggs in Reception again. We are all awaiting excitedly to see the chicks!!! Thank you for returning your slips and your donation. Without your donation it would not be possible for the children to have this wonderful experience.



**Physical:** We have been practising holding the pencil correctly while writing our name. We have used play dough to practise prodding, squeezing, rolling and squashing it to 'dough disco'. Please see the attached sheet which will inform you of the benefits of doing 'dough disco'. All these activities help their fine motor skills.



**Lanterns of the week:** This week's 'Lantern of the Week' in our morning session are Martine and Zachariah. 'Lantern of the Week' in our afternoon session are Elethea and Anay. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



**Birthdays:** This week we celebrated Zikora's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations to him



**Library Books:** Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



**Show and Tell:** Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Thursday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.

### Reminders:



**Clothes:** In the summer term children are welcome to wear royal blue David Luke shorts to nursery. You can purchase shorts from Lucilla's uniform shop, Cranbrook Road, Ilford. Can you please ensure that girls with long hair have it tied up and that your child is wearing trainers or flat shoes to nursery, no open sandals. Trainers with a Velcro fastening are most suitable. As the weather gets warmer the children will be also hanging up their jumpers on their pegs more often, so please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in their jumpers. Thank you. Please can you put your child's name in their sun hats. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear indoors and ensure they are named. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.** Thank you to those parents who have donated some spare trousers.

### Some dates for your diary:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School closed-Bank Holiday.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of term.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - School closed for staff training.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June- Half term holiday.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - School re-opens.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh, Mrs Spinks.