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### Dates for your Diary

3 Jan	Start of term
18-22 Feb	Half Term (Pre-School closed)
7 Mar	World Book Day
13 Mar	2019 Leavers' photo
27 & 28 Mar	Parents evenings
5 April	End of term 12.00 (no afternoon Pre-school)
24 April	Pre-school start of term
6 May	Bank holiday Monday Teatimers closed
24 May	Finish for half term 3.00pm
4 June	Pre-school start of term
5 June	Individual photos
24 July	End of term 12.00 (no afternoon Pre-school)

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### End of term

This half term finishes at 3.00pm on Friday 15 February.

Pre-school returns on Monday 25 February.

### Staff changes

We will be saying Goodbye to Miss Amy at the end of this half term as she is leaving us to start a new job. We wish her all the very best and we will miss her lots.

We are offering a £50 credit to your Teatimers account if you help us find new staff members.

We need new staff at all three of our settings - Pre-school and both Sandygate and Little Marlow out of school clubs. Full job descriptions are on our website [www.teatimers.com/jobs/](http://www.teatimers.com/jobs/).

The credit will be applied once the person you introduce has completed their probationary period.

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### Clothing

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, Remember to name EVERYTHING**—coats, hats, gloves....

It makes it so much easier for us to re-unite lost clothing with the right person!

Un-named hats and gloves are being put in a basket on the shelf in our lobby. Larger items are in the white basket.

These baskets are emptied regularly and the contents sent for textile recycling.



## **World Book Day - 7 March**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7 March and will be doing lots of book related activities all that week. Your children may come into Pre-school dressed as their favourite book character on this day.

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## **2019 Leavers' Photo**

The group photo for this summer's leavers will be taken on Wednesday 13 March.

We would love all our leavers to be in the photo so, if your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday morning, please bring them in at 9.00am so that they can be in the photo.

You will need to wait with your child whilst the photo is taken.

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## **Phonics**

Our older children have now started their daily phonics sessions. We are currently teaching them about rhyming words and sounds. It would help your children if you could read books with them at home that have rhyming words or familiar/repeating patterns e.g. The Gingerbread Man.

Singing traditional songs and nursery rhymes to increase awareness of words that rhyme also helps e.g. Hickory, dickory dock, Humpty Dumpty and Insey Wincey spider.

# ParentZone

ParentZone is an app that gives you a new way of seeing what your child is up to and interacting with us.

We have created a page on our website ([teatimers.com/ParentZone](http://teatimers.com/ParentZone)) with lots more information about what ParentZone can do for you.

If you have not received the email with the link to setting this up, or would like us to send it again, please speak to Toby or Clare in the Teatimers office.

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## **Session changes**

We have some sessions available after Easter, in particular Wednesday & Friday mornings plus most afternoons.

On a Friday mornings, we have Playball in to run a multi sports session with the children. They all thoroughly enjoy playing the different games and learning new skills.

On Thursday afternoons, 'Dancing Claire' from the Youth Moves team comes in to teach creative dance. The best dancer of the week gets the chance to take Ginny & Geoffrey giraffes home for the week!

If you would like to add any extra sessions next term, please let us know as soon as possible.

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## **Junk modelling supplies**

We always need supplies of boxes, tubes, cartons etc. for junk modelling, please.

We would also like the fronts of old greetings cards that can be used for cutting activities.

Thank you.