



**The Duckling Nursery Ltd**  
**Writtle Infant School**  
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## Newsletter 2024/B

### Retirement

I am sure you will now all be aware of my retirement at the end of this academic year. After making this difficult decision I have been overwhelmed by the many warm wishes and kind messages I have received and I can only thank you for these. There have been some concerns about the future of Ducklings so please can I assure you all that Ducklings will continue as always with the great team that you know so well.

### The Duckling Nursery Website ([ducklingnursery.co.uk](http://ducklingnursery.co.uk))

The Duckling website is looked after and updated by a nursery parent and we would love some feedback from you. If you have any comments or suggestions about how it can be improved please come and see me.

Currently you can access:

- Current and past newsletters, prospectus and term dates.
- A parent notice board with all the latest messages from us
- An events page and diary with details of upcoming events
- Contact information
- Information about the Duckling Nursery including breakfast and after school clubs as well as holiday clubs
- We also publish updates when experiencing adverse weather conditions like snow that may cause closures

We would very much like to hear your thoughts.

### Friends of Ducklings

The date for our next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We meet in The Rose and Crown in Writtle at 8pm. We have a small committee ready to begin organising our next event, which is our Family Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We would love more parents to come along and join us. Please come and see me if you require further information.

This week we will be finalising our decisions on the new resources being purchased by Friends of Ducklings fantastic fundraising. Once ordered, we will keep you updated as they begin to arrive.

### Mummy's morning

Please come and join us for Mummy's morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9-10am. This is for all children and their Mummies whether or not your child attends a Friday session. You will be joining your child in a fun activity, which will then be followed with cakes and refreshments. Please can you let me know if you are able to come?

### Parent/Carer agreement forms

I am still waiting for the final forms to be returned. These are a requirement for Essex regarding the claims for the 15 hours and 30 hours funding.

### Two year funding

I think I have spoken to those parents concerned regarding the two year funding which is to become available for the summer term. To find out if you are eligible for the two year old funding and the 30 hours for 3/4 year olds you need to access the childcare choices website. Also if you have any questions hopefully I can answer them for you.

### Easter Holiday Club

Mrs Park and the staff will be running an Easter Holiday club again this year. This will be the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-3pm. The cost is £30 a day and we are now taking bookings. Please pass this information onto friends who have children in the school and may want to use this facility.

### Writtle Library Visits

The library has very kindly offered to open on two Thursday mornings for us to take the children for visits. This will be a rhyme and story time followed by some time exploring the library. The dates are 29<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March (9.30-10.30) and we will take 14 children on each visit. I will be sending consent forms home before half term for the children concerned. Please return these promptly.

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