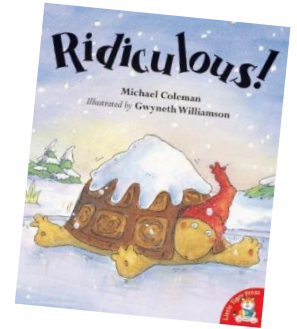


Friday 7th January

Welcome back to the Spring Term and Happy New Year to all our wonderful families! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with family and friends. It's been lovely to see so many of your children return this week healthy, happy and ready for more fun learning.

This week we have been reading the book *Ridiculous!* which is about a tortoise who wants to experience winter. We have enjoyed lots of winter themed activities and have had the pleasure of meeting a real life tortoise! The children had the opportunity to handle him, which they did with great care. There has been lots of conversations about tortoise care, "what does he like to eat?", "Why has he got a shell?" and the children were curious as to why tortoises move slowly. We had some well thought out answers such as "he's slow because his legs are little" and "because he has a heavy shell on his back".



The children have been busy helping us to tidy up the Sensory Garden. They helped to refill our digging patch and lay some new gravel onto the path. What a great little team they made on a chilly winter's day.



Molies Playgroup at St Paul's Church hall

They are looking for one or two more people to join the team ASAP to replace long time members whose schedules have changed. The timings for volunteers are 9:30-11:30 on Mondays term time (session is 9:45-11:15), and volunteers get in free. Anyone who is friendly and welcoming with a can-do attitude would be a great fit. If you're interested, please contact Alison on 07808192730

School Admissions

The deadline for applying for schools for this September 2022 is January 15th. You need to apply if your child: was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. Apply on the eAdmissions website

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Term Dates

Spring Term 11 weeks

Start of term - Wed 5th Jan
Half Term - Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb
 End of term - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –
Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
 End of term - Thurs 21st July
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term->

Invoices

All Spring invoices have been sent out via email. They are due to be paid by Friday 14th January.

Any additional sessions are to be paid by the end of that day via cash or bank transfer.

Value of the Month

Independence

The children have been encouraged to try things for themselves such as managing clothing when using the toilet, tidying up and putting on coats and shoes.

It's been lovely to see how proud of themselves they are when they achieve something independently.