

Hello everyone!

Welcome to our second newsletter for Happily Ever After!

It has been a busy half term with lots of fun stories and many arts and crafts projects created. It has been so lovely to welcome back many of you from last term and to meet many more story lovers!

Here is an overview of what we have been up to and what is coming next for Happily Ever After.



## Storytelling Courses and The Apple Tree Cafe

This term started with a bang with the brilliant story *The Night Pirates* by Peter Harris to celebrate World Book Day! We sang many pirate songs, climbed the rigging and went sailing on the Alley, Alley Oh! Thankfully all pirates were very well behaved and no one was forced to walk the plank!

During the past few weeks we have seen the arrival of Spring (finally!), so many of our stories this term have been looking at all the changes we see during this season, flowers growing, bees buzzing and caterpillars munching away. We even planted our own sunflower to take home!

We also celebrated International Women's Day and, of course, Mother's Day. During our **Paint a Picture** session the children made some lovely gifts for their Mums to say thank you for everything they do for them.



If you have enjoyed the stories we have looked at this term and would like to add some of them to your home 'library' please see the book list below for details.

## Easter Holiday Sessions for 4-7 Year Olds!

This Easter we are running some storytelling sessions for school aged children. If you have a child who is in reception, Year 1 or 2 who loves stories, singing and drama, book a space today for our Easter class! Feel free to stay and join in, or give yourself an hour's 'you time' while your child has some Storytelling fun!

Please see the details below for each session. To book your place, visit our website [www.happily-ever-after.co.uk](http://www.happily-ever-after.co.uk)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

Slinfold Village Hall, The Street, Slinfold, West Sussex, RH13 0RP

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 11am**

Cranleigh Guide Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AF



## Next Half Term

We are very pleased to be continuing our weekly sessions at Ifold, Slinfold and Cranleigh. Book your place on our 5 week course before April 22<sup>nd</sup> and you can claim our **Early Bird discount** - £32 for 5 classes instead of the usual £40.

We are also offering Pay As You Go places at all of our classes, so if you cannot commit to all of the sessions or would just like a taster of what we do, you can book a place convenient to you.

Please see below our timetable for next half term:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10am – 10:45am	Ifold, Kelsey Hall		Cranleigh Guide Hall	
1:30pm – 2:15pm		Slinfold Village Hall		<b>Paint a Story</b> Apple Tree Café (1:45pm start)

Booking is now open for all sessions. Please see below for details on further offers and discounts before booking your space. Feel free to contact me at [sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk](mailto:sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk) if you have any other questions.

## Offers and discounts

At Happily Ever After we are introducing a **Refer a Friend** offer for our 5 week Storytelling Courses. Any existing members who refer a friend who then books up for the full 5 week course will be entitled to a discounted price for the full half term.

We are continuing to offer a discount at 25% for any siblings signing up to our Storytelling courses. Please email me at [sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk](mailto:sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk) if you are eligible for any of these discounts.

## Sharing is Caring!

If you have attended one of our sessions and have enjoyed what we do, please follow our Facebook page and share our posts with your friends. Any small business relies on word of mouth and Happily Ever After is no different. Even better, if you could spare 5 minutes to give us a review on our Facebook page it would really help to promote what we do. Thank you.

## Photography session – with Bee- Focused Photography

We have been kindly offered a session with Bee-Focused Photography who are looking to expand their portfolio. I am trying to arrange an additional storytelling session (£2 per child to cover hall hire and resources) and parents would be able to purchase any photographs of their children afterwards in the knowledge that images of your child may be used by Happily Ever After for promotion. I am hoping this will take place on a Tuesday morning in early May, exact details to be confirmed. If you would be interested in attending please let me know ASAP. Check out some of Bee-Focused Photography's work here: <https://www.facebook.com/BeeFocusedPhotography/>

## Happily Ever After in Nurseries and Schools

For World Book Day this term we visited The Orchard Infant school in East Molesey and Rainbow's End Pre-School in Ewhurst for lots of Pirate fun! "A multi-sensory experience" and "One of the best workshops we've done. I loved it!" is just some of the brilliant feedback we received. We are now accepting bookings for the remainder of the school year, so if you know of a school or nursery who may enjoy a visit from us, please let us know.



We also provide personalised training sessions for Early Years settings. If you would like your staff to learn about techniques and resources to make storytelling sessions more engaging and interactive, please email us at [sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk](mailto:sam@happily-ever-after.co.uk) for more information and a quote.

## Book List and things we've been reading at home

My daughter Isla loves a good story, and the books she has been enjoying lately include:

- Again! by Emily Gravett
- The Lost Penguin by Claire Freedman and Kate Hindley
- We're Going on an Egg Hunt by Martha Mumford and Laura Hughes

**Books we have covered in class this term are:**

- The Night Pirates by Peter Harris
- Look Up! By Nathan Bryon
- Busy Spring by Sean Taylor and Alex Morris
- Rabbit's Spring Gift by Anita Loughrey and Lucy Barnard
- This Girl Can Do Anything by Stephanie Stansbie
- Bee by Britta Teckentrup
- Five Minutes Peace by Jill Murphy
- The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen
- Ollie's Magic Bunny by Nicola Killen



If you or your child have a favourite book that you think would be suitable for one of our sessions please feel free to suggest it and I'll do my best to make it happen.

Thank you, as always for your continued support in making my small business a reality. Have a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

Sam