

# The Early Bird Pre-School Newsletter

December 2009 / January 2010



Season's Greetings. See you back on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



**Important  
DATE!**

Term  
Dates  
Spring  
Term  
Monday  
4<sup>th</sup>  
January  
we are  
closed in  
line with  
local  
school  
closures.

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jan -  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>  
Apr

Half  
Term  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup>  
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>  
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## The Early Bird Pre-School latest news

We say a sad goodbye to lots of children at Christmas and looking back on their learning journeys reminds us how much they grow both physically and in confidence during their time with us. We shall miss them all.

We are all excited about the new outside area that is really moving on at a rapid pace. We look forward to playing out there in the new year.

The Early Bird Pre-School (Westbury) is now full in the mornings and we are opening an additional 3 afternoons a week to try and fit everybody in. We hope to be running our first holiday club in the new year as well.

**Swine Flu** - Please continue to look out for signs and symptoms. Please contact NHS direct on 0845 4647 or [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk) for further information.

## Autumn Events Coming Soon

We are trying to organize some local professionals to come into the setting and share their work experiences with the children. Please let us know if you know anybody willing to help out.

We plan to visit the newly refurbished library to tie in with National Book Day.

### **Video!**

The Early Bird Pre-School and Denisse were recorded in July last year as part of a Young in Herts training DVD. We have seen the final copy now and a link can be found on our website. Again thank you all for agreeing to your children being involved in this project. We received a children's video camera as a thank you and look forward to using this with the children in the New Year.

### **Sweatshirts & T-shirts**

We have a few remaining t-shirts and sweatshirts left in stock. Please see us if you are interested in purchasing any. T-Shirts £5 and sweatshirts are £8.

### **Outside Space - Norton**

We look forward to spending lots of time outside in the new year with the children having lots of opportunities to come and go as they wish. We will be looking at developing our resources outside and anybody with green fingers interested in help us develop a sensory area please let us know.

## Staff Members

Denisse Skewis - Lead Practitioner, Owner  
Tracie Newton - Deputy Lead Practitioner (SenCo and Health and Safety)  
Rosemary Williams - Deputy Lead Practitioner (Safeguarding Children)  
Vincenza Walls - Practitioner  
Hilary Wright - Practitioner  
Charnjit Chaggar-Chahal - Practitioner  
Vanessa Wong - Practitioner  
Amy Kibler - Practitioner  
Lynda Evans - Helper

## Paying Fees

We have changed the company name to Early Bird Childcare Limited and will only be able to accept cheques made out to this name.

See invoice for further details.

## Sickness and Diarrhea

We follow strict guidelines published by the Health Protection Agency (see noticeboard for the full list of illnesses).

Our policy is that the children must be free of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to the setting.

## National Children's Bureau Research

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children who took part in the research.

We went to a feedback session with the NCB and Herts County Council and received a camera and puppet as a thank you.

## EARLY BIRD LUNCH CLUB

We have vacancies for lunch club.

If you need any extra BOOK now. The charge is £3.25 an hour.

Please can we ensure that lunches are healthy and balanced - see our noticeboard for ideas!

Also please ensure no nuts or nut products are in your child's lunch box.

## Planned activities for next term

*Next term we will be having some new starters and will be helping them settle into the pre-school promoting their personal, social and emotional development.*

*Chinese New Year will be celebrated and we will be organizing for the children to taste some of the wonderful food from China. This was very successful last year.*

*Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy will be focused on with lots of activities available to support the children's development in this area.*

*We have acquired a PC and hope to introduce the children to some fun activities on the computer and getting them to print off their work themselves.*

Next term we will be accessing our new outdoor play area. Please can you ensure that the children all have a coat and appropriate footwear for outdoor play. Also please, please, please label your child's outdoor clothing.

Research has shown that daily outdoor play in the appropriate clothing results in less illnesses in children compared to those that spend their time indoors!  
A statutory requirement of the EYFS is to provide children with daily outdoor play.

*Wishing you all a Fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year*



*From all the staff at The Early Bird Pre-*