

The Early Bird Pre-School Newsletter

May 2009



Hope you all have a great half term!

We hope the sun continues to shine.

**Important
DATE!**

Term Dates

Summer Term

Mon 1st Jun - Fri 17th July.

Half Term

Mon 26th - Fri 29th May

Autumn Term

Monday 7th Sept - Fri 18th Dec

Half Term

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct

Subject to 1-2 day closure for staff training.

Happy Birthday to you!

Joe - 16th May
Reiss - 4th June
Sehj & Logan - 6th June
Sophia - 7th June
Amy - 16th June
Harry - 17th June
Jade - 6th July
Nihal - 11th July
James & Jusnoor -
28th August

T-shirts in stock

We have ordered lots of t-shirts in red and navy that are due to arrive any day now. They will be on sale at **£5 each**.

If you are worried about your child's clothes getting paint on them, this is a great way of preventing this.

We have also ordered a number of long sleeved aprons to try and help!

Early Bird Planning

Next term we shall be doing lots of activities around Creative Development with an emphasis on music and dance. We are trying to get various musicians to come and play for the children. If you know anybody who can play an instrument and would be willing to come in please let us know. We would also love to play music from around the world and if anybody has any CD's we would love to borrow them. Also if anybody has an old fashioned tape player with big buttons they no longer want we would love to take it off your hands.

We have arranged to borrow a wide variety of instruments for the children to explore and hope to have a local music club come in and run some music sessions for the children and staff. Finally we will be making our own instruments so please keep hold of any small plastic bottles and margarine tubs and bring them in next term.

New website

Our website should be going live by the end of the month.

Look out for us at
www.earlybirdpreschool.co.uk

Parents Evening Monday 8th June 2009

Please see the notice board for available times. If you cannot make the evening and would like to see your child's key person please ask them to check their availability during session time.

Summer Events

Visit to farm

Friday 26th June
10-12.30 meet at farm

Teddy Bears Picnic

Thursday 16th July
11am at the common

End of Term

Performance

Friday 17th July
11.30am. Everyone
welcome.

There will be a letter following to inform you of arrangements for these dates. Please inform Ebony if you would like to join us.

Staff Members

Denisse Skewis - Lead Practitioner, Owner
Ebony Hope - Deputy Lead Practitioner (Safeguarding Children)
Tracie Newton - Senior Practitioner (Fire Safety, SenCo, Behaviour Management)
Rosemary Williams - Senior Practitioner (Health & Safety)
Syreta Scott - Practitioner (Assistant Senco)
Cheryl Careford - Practitioner
Vincenza Walls - Practitioner
Sarah Dunk - Practitioner
Lynda Evans - Helper

Paying Fees

I have introduced the option of paying fees online. Please see your invoice for further details or contact me on 07917 606828 or denisseskewis@hotmail.com

Summer Time

With summer approaching can I please remind you of our sun policy. Children to come to pre-school dressed appropriately with no flip flops or strappy tops. Please ensure your child brings a hat and is applied with sun screen before they arrive. If they stay for lunch then please provide us with a bottle of sun screen with your child's name on it.

News

Our Caterpillars have spun themselves into cocoons!!! The children have been fascinated by this and are looking forward to meeting butterflies!!!! When the butterflies appear we shall be letting them out into our garden.

EARLY BIRD BAGS

We have in stock book bags and sports bags that can be used for change of clothes (don't take up much space on the peg and a space to put your name on).

These will be charged out for a £10 refundable deposit. You are welcome to keep them at the end of your stay or if they are in a reusable condition we will refund your money.

EYFS - Learning and Development Creative Development and what it means for children

Creativity is about taking risks and making connections and is strongly linked to play.

Creativity emerges as children become absorbed in action and explorations of their own ideas, expressing them through movement, making and transforming things using media and materials such as crayons, paints, scissors, words, sounds, movement, props and make-believe.

Creativity involves children in initiating their own learning and making choices and decisions.

Children's responses to what they see, hear and experience through their senses are individual and the way they represent their experiences is unique and valuable.

Being creative enables babies and children to explore many processes, media and materials and to make new things emerge as a result

We have had a short but busy half term. The children have been busy exploring lifecycles with our caterpillars and tadpoles. We have also been making play doh and butterfly cakes with the children. The children have loved playing with the dirt and planting their sunflower seeds and cress. We are planning to have egg and cress this week so the children get to eat their produce. The children will be bringing home their sunflower plants this week. Please remember to water them and plant them in the garden when they are big enough. It would be great if you could take a photograph of any successes in late summer/early autumn when they should be flowering and bring them in to share with us. Hope you all have a lovely half term and see you all back on week beginning 1st June.