

The Early Bird Pre-School Newsletter

October/November 2009



Work starts on 9th November on our outdoor area - ready in time for xmas!

Important DATE!

Term Dates
Autumn Term
Mon 7th
Sept -
Fri 18th
Dec

Half Term
Mon 26th
- Fri 30th
Oct

Spring Term
Mon 4th
Jan -
Thurs 1st
Apr

Half

Staff Training Day!

The Early Bird Pre-School will be closed on Tuesday 1st December.

Every year, as early years practitioners we need to complete a number of hours professional development. Most of these hours are completed during evenings and holidays. However occasionally we have to close to enable us all to get together as a team. The topic of this training day is 'Behaviour Management'

Sweatshirts Ordered

We have ordered a number of sweatshirts in red and blue and hope to take delivery of these this week.

The Early Bird Pre-School latest news

We say a sad goodbye to Sarah Dunk this term but wish her and her family all the best in their move to Lincolnshire. We shall miss you.

We welcomed Amy Kibler and Vanessa Wong to our team at the beginning of September who have both joined Charnjit in enrolling for their NVQ level 3 in childrens care, learning and development with Herford Regional College.

The Early Bird Pre-School (Westbury) opened in September and a few weeks ago moved into their brand new premises along with Lime Tree Children's Centre. Our numbers have jumped and we are filling up fast. This has resulted in the need for more staff members and we have been busy recruiting.

Swine Flu - We have had our first cases of swine flu this term. Please see our information or contact NHS direct on 0845 4647 or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Outside Space - Norton

Unfortunately we have been unable to get planning permission for the canopy attached to the side of the building BUT We are proceeding with alternative arrangements. The building works will start on Monday 9th November! Please be vigilant as work is carried out.

Autumn Events Coming Soon

November

8th - Nature Walk
12th - Photographer
24th - Parents Evening

December

15th - Christmas Party (12 - 1)
18th - End of Term Performance @ 11.30am (session finishes as 12pm)

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

Outdoor Play and Clothing

Please can you ensure that the children all have a coat and appropriate footwear for outdoor play.

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.

Parents Evening

This will be held on Monday 24th November from 7.45 - 9.00 pm.

If this is not convenient please see your key person to arrange a convenient time at the beginning or end of a session.

Planned activities for next term

We shall be extending our Knowledge and Understanding of the World this term by continuing our celebration of different festivals. We shall also be going on a walk to Norton Common and hope that parents will help us support this event. We are also trying to make plans for our community police officer and a fireman to come in and visit the children.

If anybody could help us arrange visitors to come in and chat briefly with the children we would be very grateful e.g. Dr's, Vets, Nurses, Dentists, Bin Men, Farmers.

Christmas is always a busy time and the children will be busy practicing songs for our end of term performance which will be held on Friday 18th December in the Clulow Room at 11.30. The session will finish at 12.00pm.

EARLY BIRD LUNCH CLUB

We only have limited vacancies for lunch club in between now and Christmas.

If you need any extra BOOK now to avoid disappointment.

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

Paying Fees

Pay fees online. Please see your invoice for further details or contact me on 07917 606828 or denisseskewis@hotmail.com

We have had a very busy successful half term! We have welcomed new children to the setting and will continue to work with their families to ensure that all the children are happy and we are meeting their individual needs.

We have welcomed student Ann and volunteer Chris who has spent time with us to get a broader understanding of a career in early years. We have looked at three festivals Eid, Harvest and Diwali and included activities that help to promote their knowledge and understanding of the world. This will continue next term with Hannukah and Christmas.

Wishing you all a great half term and we shall see you week beginning 2nd November!