



Broadhall Bunnies Preschool

Newsletter

Summer 2014



Annual Sponsored Event Thank you to all of you who took part in our sponsored Cheerio threading event. Together we raised just over £155 which we have used to purchase a sand pit for outside, a sand tray for inside, and a tough spot tray and stand that we can use for many different activities and move around the classroom each day. There are photos of the children enjoying using all of our new purchases on our Facebook page.

Sun cream We enjoy outside play at preschool in all weathers and the children are free to choose if they would like to play inside or outside. To keep your child safe in the sun please ensure that sun cream is applied daily before attending preschool and remember to pack a hat and a light jumper or jacket in case the sun goes in.

Staff training We regret there will be no lunch club on Wednesday 9th July due to essential staff training. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Consultations We have a really good turnout for our parent consultations this May and we received some really lovely feedback from parents and carers about the learning journals that we create for all the children. Our next consultations will be shortly after the autumn half term holiday, but, as ever, key workers are always available at the end of each

session if there is anything you would like to discuss with regards to your child.

HQS Hertfordshire Quality Standards (HQS) is a county led scheme that ensures childcare providers are constantly improving and developing through a process of self-evaluation. The scheme is supported by external mentors who help the childcare provider through the HQS process. Following an external assessment, successful providers are awarded with the HQS blue balloon kite mark. This award lasts for three years and is reviewed annually; parents are encouraged to look for this quality achievement when selecting childcare.

We originally completed our HQS during the spring term 2011 following a year's hard work reflecting on and improving our practice and we proudly display the HQS blue balloon kite mark. The process made us a more proactive group, has enhanced our parent partnership and has encouraged us to seek the children's thoughts, opinions and feelings more. Our original accreditation is now nearing the end and to ensure that we remain a high quality reflective setting we have recently restarted the HQS accreditation process; we submitted the first module in June 2014 and we are eagerly awaiting the panels' feedback!



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Parents Voice To enable us to get to know your child even better our 'Parent Voice' forms are going home again this week. Please take a few minutes to fill one in and return it to us soon. Your returned 'parents voice' form will be added to your child's journal as an additional record of their journey through childhood. Please feel free to attach photos of your child playing at home as well if you wish, these too will be added to your child's journal and may be shared with the other children at carpet time too!

Parents survey We had a great response from our recent parent's survey; thank you to all of you who took the time to take part. All your responses and comments have been evaluated and as a result we have made some changes in the setting. Copies of the results including our responses to your comments were published recently. If you did not receive a copy please ask and we will happily print another copy for you, or alternatively have a look on our website where the document can be downloaded www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk

End of term events

Leavers: For children who are leaving us this term the last 'normal' session this term will be on Wednesday 16th July. All

of our leavers will be invited to our leavers party which will be held on Friday 18th July from 9.30 - 12. Please note our adjusted session times! Individual invitations will follow. Please note that there will be no preschool session on Thursday 17th July for any of the children who are leaving us this term.

Stayers: All of the children who will be returning to us in September will be invited to our Teddy Bears Picnic on Thursday 17th July; and their parents and carers will be invited to join us for a picnic on the school field from 11.45 to 12.30 (weather permitting!). This will be the last session this term for any child who is returning to us in September.

Lunch clubs: Our last lunch club session this term will be on Wednesday 16th July. Lunch clubs will resume on Monday 8th September.

Collecting children and parking Could parents/carers collecting children at midday please stand clear of the classroom windows as some children can find seeing parents and carers waiting outside distressing. Please note there is no allocated parking for parents/carers in the school grounds. Please park on the main road and use the footpath to access the preschool.



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Facebook Are you a Facebook user? You can now see all the news and announcements including term dates, upcoming events and emergency announcements of snow closures on Facebook. Search for us by name, (Broadhall Bunnies) click on 'like' and you should automatically get our newsfeeds.

Fees Just a reminder, all fees are due in advance at the start of each week, or, if you prefer they can be paid (in advance), monthly or half termly. Non payment may lead to your child's place being partially or wholly withdrawn and we will take legal action to recover unpaid debts.

Lunch clubs We have had a lot of interest in spaces for lunch clubs in September. Children can stay until 1 or 2 pm at a charge of just £3.00 per hour (or part thereof). Children attending Featherstone Wood nursery are welcome to join us too! Please see Rachel or Anna to book a space.

Lunch clubs will resume on Monday 8th September.

Accidents at home Following recent safeguarding training we have implemented an "accident from home" record as recommended by the Hertfordshire safeguarding children's board. This form is a record of accidents

or existing injuries that happen away from or on the way to pre-school. If your child has had an accident/injury, however minor, please let a member of staff know on arrival at pre-school so that the accident form can be completed and the accident/injury can be taken into account should they become upset or ill later in the day.

Changing bags We are always happy to change nappies etc. at preschool; parents should provide all the necessary equipment including wipes in a clearly labelled bag, placed on the child's peg each session. Changing bags should not contain medication, lotions, food or drinks. These items should be removed before attending preschool; if this is not possible please ensure that they are handed to a member of staff at the start of the session. Children who are being toilet trained will need several changes of clothes, including a spare pair of shoes. Again, please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. NB: Due to lack of space we have a no potties at preschool policy. Please be assured that all of our toilets are child sized we have steps to help even the smallest of children to be as independent as possible.



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Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd July - SBFC football session. Please ensure that your child is wearing sensible footwear today and lots of sun cream!

Wednesday 9th July - No lunch club, staff training session.

Wednesday 16th July - last normal session for the children who are leaving us this term.

Wednesday 16th July - Last lunch club session this term.

Thursday 17th July - Teddy Bears Picnic for all the children who are returning to us in September. Individual invitations will be going home soon. (Normal session fees apply). Parents and carers are invited to join us for the Teddy Bears Picnic on the school field from 11.45 - 12.30 - weather permitting! Please note: there is no preschool session today for the children who are leaving us. Last day of term for all 'stayers'.

Friday 18th July - 9.30am to 12. Party day for all the children who are leaving us this term; individual invitations will go home soon. Please note the adjusted session times today!

Wednesday 3rd September - preschool reopens.

Monday 8th September - lunch clubs resume.

***Friday 24th October *** - break up for half term

***Monday 3rd November *** - preschool reopens

***Friday 19th December *** - break up for Christmas

***Tuesday 6th January *** - preschool reopens

(* Dates to be confirmed)