

# Broadhall Bunnies Preschool Newsletter

October 2014

## Welcome back

Welcome back from what we hope has been a long and enjoyable summer break. As well as welcoming back lots of familiar faces this term we would like to welcome all our new children and families who have joined us over the last few of weeks.

## Halloween Party

We will be holding a Halloween party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October for the children who usually attend this day. Fancy dress is optional; however, we request that the children do not wear any face masks as some children find these frightening. Invitations with further information will be sent home nearer the time.

## Parent/teacher consultations

Consultations this term will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November between 12.30 and 2.30pm. Individual letters with more details and the opportunity to request a time slot will go home during the week of 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please note there will be no lunch club session on consultation day.

## Parent Observations

One of the ways in which your child's progress is assessed in preschool is through collecting evidence of things they have said or done. These are put into a 'learning journal', which is simply a 'scrapbook' of your child's achievements.

Throughout their time at preschool this evidence is used to work out your child's learning and their next steps.

As part of this tracking your child's development we love to have parental input in the learning journals - this means we want to know what you can see your child doing at home! Parental input is vital as it can demonstrate skills that, for whatever reason, might not have been observed at school and they allow us to get to know your child even better!

Attached to this newsletter is a 'parent observation' form. Simply spend a few minutes watching your child and write down what you see them doing, or alternately, write down a recent 'WOW' moment, something new that you have noticed your child do. For example, you might write something like:

*'Jessica told me 'you have to wear a hat outside when it's sunny or you might get sun burnt'*

or

*'Jamie brushed his teeth by himself this morning'*

We look forward to reading all your observations and WOW moments!

## Lunch clubs

Does your child want to join us for lunch clubs? Our lunch clubs run daily from noon to 2pm and cost just £3.00 per hour. All places need to be booked in

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advance and a healthy packed lunch provided. Please ask at the desk to book your child's place.

## **Curriculum guidance**

This terms curriculum guidance is already out. Please check your child's drawer for your copy or visit [www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk](http://www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk) and download a copy

## **Website**

We are delighted with the success of our website that was launched just over a year ago. To date we have had over 10,000 hits! Visit [www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk](http://www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk) to have a look. We would love to hear your views about the site, please leave your comments on our Facebook page or use the contact form on the website.

## **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 will automatically get our newsfeeds.

## **Parking**

There is no parking on the school grounds for parents of children at Broadhall Bunnies Preschool or Featherstone Wood School. We request that parent's park cars either opposite the play centre on Featherston Road or at The Hyde shops. If you walk to school and wish to leave a buggy for collection later please leave it by the brick wall alongside Bunnies. Please note the gate at the bottom of the staff car park is locked during school opening hours; please use the footpath that runs adjacent to it to access Broadhall Bunnies. Thank you.

## **Funded places**

Many of the children who attend Broadhall Bunnies have government funded places; a condition of this scheme is that children attend preschool sessions regularly. While we appreciate that children do become poorly and may be unable to attend on occasion, excessive absences may regrettably lead to a child's place being either partially or wholly withdrawn due to the conditions of the schemes. If your child is unwell and unable to attend a session please contact the preschool after 8.30 am on the morning of their absence on 07754 305 185.

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## Home time

Could parents/carers please stand clear of our door way and windows whilst waiting to collect children at home time as some of our children find this time of day distressing if they can see you waiting outside. Thank you.

## 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.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - SBFC football session

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - **no lunch club session** - staff training

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween party (by invitation)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - break up for half term. Lunch club ends at 1pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November - SBFC football session

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Parent consultations - **no lunch club session**.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - SBFC football session

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - last lunch club of term

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party (by invitation) **no lunch club session**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party - (by invitation) break up 12 noon **no lunch club session**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - preschool reopens - lunch clubs resume.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - break up for half term Lunch club ends at 1pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - preschool reopens - **no lunch club session** - staff raining

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - world book day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - break up for Easter - lunch club ends at 1pm

21<sup>st</sup> April - preschool reopens

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday - preschool shut

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May - parent consultations - **no lunch club session**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - break up for half term lunch club ends at 1pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - preschool reopens

July 2015 - Teddy Bears Picnic - Date to be confirmed

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - last lunch club  
(TBC)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers party (TBC)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - leavers party (TBC)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Break up for the  
summer

*NB. We run the same term dates as Featherstone  
Wood School; therefore, our term dates shown  
here are provisional and are subject to change.  
We will keep you informed of any changes.*