

Broadhall Bunnies Preschool Newsletter

January 2015

Welcome back Welcome back from what we hope has been a restful Christmas break. As well as welcoming back lots of familiar faces this term we would like to welcome all our new children and families who will be joining us over the next few of weeks.

Snow closures and bad weather In the case of snow or severe weather we are committed, as always, to keeping our children safe. If we are forced, due to weather conditions, to close along with the rest of the school site, an announcement will be made as soon as possible on our Facebook page and on the homepage on our website www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk We will also endeavour to alert hertsdirect of any closures and any such messages from Bunnies can be viewed on www.hertsdirect.org/eycclosures

Reception class applications Children who were born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 now need to apply for a school place. Applications close on Wednesday 15 January 2015. For more information please go to: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/AdmissionsSept2015/> Nursery applications for children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 will open in the spring of 2015; more information about this will follow in due course.

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

Tea towels Thank you to all of you who brought our Christmas tea towels; we raised just over £100. This will go into a kitty and we plan to buy a selection of new outside play equipment ready for the summer term.

Cake sale We will be having a cake sale on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March to raise more funds for our new outdoor toys. More information to follow nearer to the time

Curriculum guidance This terms curriculum guidance will be out in the next few days. Please check your child's drawer for your copy or visit www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk and download a copy.

Website Our website has now had over 13,500 hits! Visit 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

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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.

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.

Changing bags We are always happy to change nappies etc. at preschool; parents should provide all the necessary equipment 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 potty trained will need several changes of clothes, including a spare pair of shoes. Again, please ensure that **all items of clothing are clearly labelled**.

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.

Term dates

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

Monday 23rd February - preschool reopens - **no lunch club session** - staff training

Thursday 5th March - world book day

Thursday 12th March & Friday 13th March - cake sale

Thursday 2nd April - break up for Easter - lunch club ends at 1pm

Monday 20th April - Inset day

Tuesday 21st April - preschool reopens

Monday 4th May - Bank holiday - preschool shut

Wednesday 13th May - parent consultations - **no lunch club session**

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

Tuesday 2nd June - preschool reopens

July 2015 - Teddy Bears Picnic - Date to be confirmed

End of term dates to be confirmed.

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.