



Broadhall Bunnies Preschool Newsletter February 2016



Nursery applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 nursery applications are now ongoing and can be made up until Friday 18th March.

Apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions

Curriculum guidance

Our new curriculum guidance will be out after the Easter break. It will also be available to download along with past curriculum guidance and newsletters from our website

www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk

Proud clouds

We have had lots of lovely 'Proud Clouds' from many of you; they have all been shared with the children at carpet time and then put on display in the classroom. All the proud clouds that we have received this term will be added to the children's journals over Easter ready to start afresh over the summer term. We have attached more 'Proud Cloud' sheets to this newsletter, please keep them coming in!

Flu bug

We have been experiencing an unusually high number of children and staff who have succumbed to a very nasty flu like bug. Please, if your child is unwell keep them away from preschool until they are symptom free so we can stop this nasty bug from spreading.

If your child is under the weather and needs Calpol of a morning please keep them at home; we have had several incidents recently where we have had to send children home early when the effects of Calpol have worn off leaving the children clearly unfit for preschool.

Welcome back

We would like to welcome Louise back onto our team; Louise has returned to us after a break to have her son Charlie and is now studying hard for her level 2 qualification.

Staff

Just a reminder as to who is who!

Rachel, (BA Hons Education Studies – Early Years; Elklan level 3) preschool leader and SENco

Anna, (level 3 Childcare Learning and Development CCLD) deputy leader and monkey group key worker

Amy, (level 3 CCLD; Elklan level 3) SENco and koala group key worker

Dawn, (level 3 CCLD) crocodile group key worker

Jane, (level 2 CCLD) tiger group key worker
Shelley, (level 2 CCLD) giraffe group key worker
Kerry, 121 support worker and preschool assistant
Louise, preschool assistant, working towards level 2
Hannah, preschool assistant

All staff hold current child protection certificates and all key staff are paediatric first aid trained.

Home time

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

Wow!

Hannah and Jane went to an Early Years conference earlier this month, and both took part in a quiz each scoring 20 out of 20; the top scorers then had their names put into a draw and Hannah won this fantastic car for the preschool! Many thanks to Hannah and Jane for being so clever, to Hannah for being so lucky having her name chosen, to Jane for driving it home, the Herts Early Years team for putting on the event and Herts Full Stop for donating such a fantastic prize. The children all love it.



Smartie challenge

We have just finished spending the whopping £570 that you raised during our Smartie Challenge. We bought:-

- 3 tricycles
- 4 large hoops
- 4 small hoops
- 3 metal horseshoe magnets
- 1 giant magnet
- a changing mat
- an easel
- 4 shopping baskets

6 aqua draw pens
5 magnifying glasses
3 pairs of binoculars
1 large doll
2 doctors cases
5 small dolls
a 100 piece dolls accessories set
a set of pirate figures
a large wooden pirate ship
a new Hoover (specially requested by Anna) and a new stair gate to keep the children safely away from the kitchen area.
Pictures of all our new toys can be seen on our Facebook page.

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 wholly or partially withdrawn. We will attempt to recover all unpaid debts and will take legal action in necessary.

There is funding available for children the term after they turn 2, this is dependent on your family circumstances and income. Please check <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/css/flexyears/freearlyeduc/apply2yoldplace/> if you think that you might be eligible or speak to Rachel in confidence. All children are entitled to 15 hours free at preschool the term after they turn 3. Please note: funded hours cannot be increased midterm.

Snow

Just in case we have some of the white stuff..... On occasion following heavy snow the school site is closed if the children's safety cannot be guaranteed. If the main school is closed we will also be closed. Notifications will be placed on the main school website, the preschool website www.broadhallbunnies.co.uk and on our Facebook page as soon as possible. In case of doubt the preschool phone is manned after 8.30 every morning.

Knickers and pants

We are desperately short of spare knickers and pants for the children to borrow if they have accidents at preschool. Please, if you have borrowed any clothes from us please wash them and return them promptly. Donations of unwanted children's underwear are always gratefully accepted.

Labels and changing bags

Please ensure that all items of clothing coming to preschool are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are always happy to change nappies etc at pre-school; however parents MUST provide all the necessary equipment in a clearly labelled bag. Please ensure that changing bags have adequate supplies in each day including wipes, nappy sacks and nappies. **Please also make sure that there are no creams, lotions or potions left in your child's changing bag. All of our children can access their changing bags throughout the session and such items can present a hazard to the children's health and safety.** If for any reason they need to come to school with your child please hand them to a member of staff in the morning for safe keeping. **Providing items that are missing from bags, especially wipes and nappy sacks has incurred a huge increase on our running costs; as a consequence of this a small charge is made for items that are regularly used from our stock.**

Stick insects

Would anyone like to look after our stick insects over the Easter holidays? They are really easy to look after, their tank needs cleaning every 5 days or so and fresh brambles, privet or ivy added. Please speak to Rachel or Anna if you can help.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th March – Good Friday – Preschool shut

Monday 28th March – Easter Monday – preschool shut

Friday 1st April – last day of term

– lunch club closes at 1pm

Monday 18th April – Inset day – preschool closed

Tuesday 19th April – preschool reopens

Thursday 21st April – no lunch club, staff training

Monday 2nd May – Bank holiday – preschool shut

Wednesday 11th May – parent consultations

Friday 27th May – break up for half term

Monday 6th June – Inset day

July 2016 – Teddy bears' picnic – date to be confirmed

Friday 22nd July – End of term (TBC);