



Broadhall Bunnies Preschool Newsletter July 2016



Tadpoles

The children really enjoyed watching our tadpoles grow and develop over the last few weeks; they have now been released back into the pond that the frogspawn came from.

Caterpillars

Our caterpillars have now finished their growing cycle all of and the children had a good look at them each day. We returned to school one Monday morning to find we had 5 beautiful painted lady butterflies and all the children that were in that day watched them go.

Sun cream

Now that the weather is getting warmer (and hopefully sunnier!) please make sure that your child has sun cream applied to exposed skin before coming to preschool. If your child needs to bring such items to school for later application by childminders etc please make sure that it is clearly labelled and hand it to a member of staff for safe keeping at the start of the day. Thank you.

Transitions

Lots of our children will be leaving us at the end of term to go to their new nursery schools or reception classes. Many of their new teachers have already been in to visit the children here at Bunnies to meet them, and to further help them to learn about their new children will be delivering all of the children's learning journals to their next settings during the last week of term. They will then be returned to you by their new schools in due course.

If you have any concerns about your child's transition please do not hesitate to speak to Rachel or Anna.

Featherstone Wood School Nursery Lunch clubs

If your child is going to go to Featherstone Wood School Nursery they are welcome to come to us for lunch clubs from September until 1 or 2 pm. Sessions are just £3.50 per hour and must be booked in advance.

Lunch clubs

Lunch clubs for September are filling up fast, especially places for 2 year olds. Please speak to Rachel or Anna if you would like to book sessions.

Please note: as from September, in line with our morning sessions policies, 2 week's notice of changes to lunch clubs will be required. *Booked lunch club sessions will be charged for if your child is absent as our running costs remain the same.* Occasional lunch clubs can be booked on a daily basis (space permitting) and must be paid for on the day.

Grapes

Current advice is for grapes to be cut in half *lengthways* to make them easier for children to eat and to reduce choking hazards. Please, if you are providing grapes in your child's lunch box, make sure that they are chopped to reduce hazards.

Thursday 14th July – no lunch club - transitions day

There will be no lunch club today as we will be holding a getting to know you session just for our new starters and their parents from 1 – 2 pm.

Last week of term

Our last lunch club this term will be on Tuesday 19th July. Wednesday's morning session will run as normal from 9 – 12 with no lunch club session. Thursday 21st is party day for all of the children who are leaving us this term and the session will run from 9.30 – 11.30. Individual invitations will follow.

September

Tuesday 7th September is by invitation only for all of the children who are starting with us this term and will run from 9.30 – 12. Individual invitations have gone home.

For all other children the term will start on Wednesday 8th September from 9 – 12 – *lunch clubs will restart on Monday 12th September.*

Head lice

We have had a couple of cases of head lice reported to us. Please check your child's hair regularly and carefully. We recommend using a nit comb on damp conditioned hair rather than using chemicals.

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.

Snack time

Each day at preschool we offer the children a choice of two or three different fruits or vegetables at snack time plus either milk or water to drink. From September, in an effort to keep our fees down, parents will be asked to contribute £5.00 per half term towards these costs.

Fee paying children will see this added onto their invoices at the start of each half term, and funded children will be asked to make donations.

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/freeearlyeduc/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.

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.**

Dates for your diary

Summer term

Thursday 14th July – No lunch club

Tuesday 19th July – last lunch club session this term

Wednesday 20th July – last 'normal' session - no lunch club

Thursday 21st July – Party day for all of the children who are leaving us this term from 9.30 – 11.30. Further information and individual invitations will follow soon.

Autumn term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – New starters day preschool open for our new children only– 9.30 – 12

Wednesday 8th September first day of term for children who are returning to us

Monday 12th September lunch clubs resume

Thursday 22nd September – no lunch club, staff training

Friday 21st October – break up

Monday 31st October – preschool reopens

Wednesday 2nd November – no lunch club, staff training

Tuesday 22nd November – no lunch club, parent consultations

Tuesday 20th December – break up for Christmas

Spring term 2017

Thursday 5th January – preschool reopens

Friday 10th February – break up for half term

Monday 20th February – preschool reopens

Monday 27th February – no lunch club, staff training

Wednesday 30th March – break up for Easter

Summer term 2017

Tuesday 18th April – preschool reopens

Thursday 11th May – no lunch club - parent consultations

Friday 26th May – break up for half term

Monday 5th June – preschool reopens

Thursday 20th July – break up for summer (to be confirmed)