



Broadhall Bunnies Preschool Newsletter June 2017



Teddy Bears Picnic

This year's teddy bears picnic will be on Wednesday 5th July from 12 to 1.30. Individual invitations are coming home now, please RSVP ASAP!

As with previous years all children MUST be accompanied by an adult from 12 noon. Please bring a picnic and a blanket to sit on. We will have some additional 'teddy treats' to share with the children and please bring all of your spare coins as we will be having a cake sale on the day as well. As this event is held on the school field it is weather permitting..... we will be keeping our fingers and toes crossed that this lovely summer weather continues!

Sponsored Cheerio Threading

During the week of 3rd July we will be holding a 'Sponsored Cheerio Threading' event to raise money towards new coat rack for the classroom. See below for a picture of what we hope to buy. Letters with further information about this event and sponsorship forms are going home this week. Proceeds of our picnic day cake sale will go towards this too.



Caterpillars

Our caterpillars have now formed chrysalis' and the children are checking them daily in eager anticipation of seeing them emerge as butterflies.

Sun cream

Now that the weather is getting warmer (and, at last, sunnier!) please make sure that your child has sun cream applied to all 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.

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: 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.

Last week of term

Our last lunch club this term will be on Wednesday 19th July; this will be the last day of preschool for all of the children who will be returning to us in September.

Thursday 20th 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 5th September is by invitation only for all of the children who are starting with us this term and will run from 9.30 – 11.30. Individual invitations will be sent out in due course.

For all other children the term will start on Wednesday 6th September from 9 – 12 – *lunch clubs will also restart on Wednesday 6th 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.

Chicken Pox

We have also had another suspected case of chicken pox; for further information about signs and symptoms of common childhood illnesses please see the NHS Direct website.

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. In an effort to keep our fees down, parents are 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

Wednesday 5th July – teddy bears picnic - No lunch club

Wednesday 19th July – last lunch club session this term

Wednesday 19th July – last 'normal' session – last day of term for all of the children who are returning to us in September

Thursday 20th 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

Monday 4th September – Inset day

Tuesday 5th September – new starters' day – by invitation only

Wednesday 6th September – first day of term for all the children who are returning to us

Wednesday 6th September – lunch clubs resume.