



Broadhall Bunnies Preschool

Newsletter

January 2014



Welcome back! We hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas and New Year break.

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

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.

Curriculum guidance Curriculum guidance letters will be going home this week along with an invitation to complete a 'Parent Observation'. A parent observation is a snapshot observation written by you or someone close to your child of something that your child enjoys doing away from preschool. We will then include this (and any accompanying photos if you would like) in your child's learning journal. These observations make lovely additions to their journals, and they help us to get to know our child even better!

Emergency staff cover Would you be interested in working with children? We are looking for someone to provide emergency staff cover for staff training and sickness. The successful applicant must be able to work at short notice and will be required to undertake a fully enhanced CRB check (at no cost to you) and provide suitable references upon request. A background in childcare would be an advantage but full training will be given. For further information please speak to Rachel or Anna or call 07754 305 185.

Funded places Many of the children that attend Broadhall Bunnies have government funded places; one of the conditions of this scheme is that children attend preschool sessions regularly. Whilst 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to attend on occasion, excessive absences may regrettably lead to a child's place being either partially or wholly withdrawn due to the conditions of the schemes.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.

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.

Reception class applications Children who were born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 now need to apply for a



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school place. Applications close on Wednesday 15 January 2014. For more information please go to:
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/AdmissionsSept2014/> Nursery applications for children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 will open in the spring of 2014; more information about this will follow in due course.

Accidents at home Following recent safeguarding training we have implemented an "accident from home" record as recommended by the Hertfordshire safeguarding children's board. This form is a record of accidents or existing injuries that happen before your child comes into pre-school. If your child has had an accident/injury, however minor, please let a member of staff know on arrival at pre-school so that the accident form can be completed and the accident/injury can be taken into account should they become upset or ill later in the day.

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.**

Lunch clubs Lunch clubs this term resume on Monday 13th January. Unless we have been advised otherwise children who attend lunch clubs last term have been allocated the same sessions for January. Please note there will be no lunch club on Tuesday 25th February due to staff training and on the last before school holidays (Friday 14th February, Wednesday 2nd April and Friday 23rd May) lunch clubs will close at the earlier time 1pm.

Dates for your diary (Provisional term dates)

Tuesday 7th January 2014: preschool reopens

Monday 13th January: lunch clubs resume

Friday 14th February: break up for half term

Friday 14th February: lunch club finishes at 1pm

Monday 24th February: Inset day

Tuesday 25th February: preschool reopens

Tuesday 25th February: no lunch club, staff training

Wednesday 2nd April: break up for Easter

Wednesday 2nd April: lunch club finishes at 1pm

Tuesday 22nd April: preschool reopens

Monday 5th May: bank holiday; preschool shut

Friday 23rd May: break up for half term

Friday 23rd May: lunch club finishes at 1pm

Monday 2nd June: preschool reopens at 9am