



# Broadhall Bunnies Preschool

Newsletter

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**Easter bonnets** A big thank you to all of you who helped decorate Easter bonnets; photographs of all the bonnets can be seen on our Facebook page. We had such a fantastic response that we have awarded 3 prizes: Albert and Miya for the most voted for boys and girls hats on our Facebook page and to Summer-Jade for creating what we considered to be the most original hat. Well done!

**Annual Sponsored Event** This year the children will be invited to take part in a sponsored threading activity, developing their fine motor and counting skills as they thread as many Cheerios as they can onto a lace. Sponsors can be asked to pledge money for either each Cheerio threaded or taking part in the event. Each child will be invited to join our threading activity once during the week of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May and we will let you know the number of Cheerios your child has threaded on the day that they take part.

Sponsor money is due in by May half term (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May) and all the children who return their completed sponsorship form and money by this date will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement. There will also be two prizes; one for the child who threads the most Cheerios and one for the child who raises the most money! The winners will be announced on our Facebook page after the event along with pictures of the new resources brought with the money raised!

**Consultations** Our next parent consultation afternoon will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30 to 3pm. We regret there will be no

lunch club this session. Further information will be sent home nearer the time.

**Children's voice** We have been asking all the children what their favourite fruits at snack time are through using pictures, toy food and of course conversation! The children were then all invited to take a photograph of the fruit they chose. The photographs they took and their comments about the foods are in the children's individual journals. We will be using the results to encourage the children to try the fruits they were less familiar with and to ensure their favourite fruits are on the menu at preschool.

**Easter raffle** Congratulations to Claudia, Ethan, Amira, Albert and Harley, the lucky winners of our Easter raffle; together we raised £18.25 which will be put towards new resources along with the proceeds from our sponsored event.

**Parents survey** Our Annual Parent Surveys provide invaluable information that enables us to continue to provide the highest standards of care and early year's provision for your child. It also provides you, the children's parents and carers with the opportunity to have your say about your child's preschool.

This year's survey will be going home in May; please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to us; your views are very important to us and any feedback from you helps us to grow and develop alongside your children.

**Parking** Please note there is no allocated parking for parents/carers in the school



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grounds. Please park on the main road and use the footpath to access the preschool.

preschool after 8.30 am on the morning of their absence on 07754 305 185.

**Curriculum guidance** Curriculum guidance letters will be going home this week. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key person if you would like more information about what your child is doing at school.

**Collecting children** Could parents/carers collecting children at midday please stand clear of the classroom windows as some children can find seeing parents and carers waiting outside distressing.

**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

**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 should automatically get our newsfeeds.

**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.

**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 including wipes 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



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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** We have had several children attending lunch clubs recently who have not been provided with a home packed lunch which they understandably find distressing. Please ensure that healthy lunches are provided for on ALL lunch club sessions that your child is booked onto. A charge of £2.00 is made for any emergency lunches that we have to provide.

**Dates for your diary** (Provisional term dates)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: bank holiday; preschool shut

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May: parents survey home

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> May: Sponsored Cheerio  
threading week

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: parent consultations from  
12.30 to 3pm; no lunch club today

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Sponsorship money due

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: break up for half term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: lunch club finishes at 1pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: preschool reopens at 9am