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Newsletter



Birkbees Childcare
Huddersfield

November/December 2015

Here is our last newsletter of the for 2015, where has this year gone! Newsletters are done every half term to update you with all the information you need to know, important dates and any exciting news that may be happening around our four nurseries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Christmas events

Fixbees Christmas Fayre
Saturday 5th December

12.00-2.00

Tickets available now.

Birkbees Christmas lunch
will be on 15th December.

Birkbees Christmas party
will be on 17th December

Last day of term (funded
children) 18th December

Nursery closes 4pm Christ-
mas eve and re opens 4th
Jan 2016.

lconnect/Parent Zone

Please ensure that you have given us your correct email address to enable to you access your child's learning journal. Once you have given us your email address you will be sent a registration email where you will be asked to create your own username and password. Once you have done this you can visit:

Childcareportal.net

And view your child's learning journal.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can even post your own pictures and observations!

Staff Changes

We have recently had a re shuffle of staff due to increasing numbers in the baby room. Please do not hesitate to speak to management if you have any queries or questions.

Honeybees- Faith, Neelam and Fatima all work full time and Alia Monday to Wednesday.

Bumblebees- Ruksana, Winsome, Jayshree and Sarah are all full time.

Queenbees- Pat, Claire, Rabia and Khadija are full time with tamsin as nursery apprentice.

Pre-School Stingers- Kurah, Manjit and Sadia.

2Bees- Nafiza, Paulette, Resham, Holly, Rizwan and Humera

Busybees- Paulette, Fatima and Aasma



Registering For School

If your child is due to start primary school (reception) in September 2016 then it is important that you apply online between the **1st of September 2015 and the 15th January 2016!**

(Born between 1st Sep 2011-31st Aug 2012)

Posters are displayed around nursery to remind you.

Staff News

We have a new member of staff, Raffia, taking over admin duties. As she is mostly based in the upstairs office you may not see her around but she will be doing finance and general admin.

We also have a new member of staff, Trisha, working as one to one support. You will see Trisha in Honeybees, working every day 9.15 till 4pm.

FEEES

2016 will see an increase in fees.

For under three's.

The daily rate will be £40 with half day sessions being £23.50

Over three's will be £39 with half days at £22.50.

If your child is away from nursery due to illness, fees are still payable. We will no longer be charging for Bank holidays.

Please remember to pay your fees on a weekly basis and also that we no longer accept cheques.

NURSERY LEARNING GOALS

Queenbees- Road Safety

Bumblebees- Number

Honeybees- Filling and emptying

2Bees- Shape and colour

Busybees- Literacy

PS@ST- Phonics

WORLD CULTURE DAYS

Every month across nursery we travel around the world as we try different foods, take part in exciting activities.

In November we will be enjoying a roast dinner to celebrate British Roast Dinner Day and "visiting" France.

In December we will be going across to Holland as well as enjoying Christmas treats.

Quote of the term- "Every moment is an opportunity to teach your child something new"

TOYS FROM HOME

Please can we ask that children don't come into nursery with toys from home (apart from Fridays show and tell) as they tend to get damaged or lost and it is very upsetting for the children when this happens.

EMAILING PHOTOGRAPHS

Could we kindly ask that parents/carers email any photographs they may have from the weekend/holidays/activities completed at the rooms request to our email address:

birkbeesdaycare@gmail.com

These pictures will be used for the children's files and any scrap books the rooms may have.

Thank you

CASH PAYMENTS

Please note that we will no longer be accepting cash payments over the value of £200. This is due to cash being the least secure method of payment and we prefer parents not to be carrying large amounts of cash around.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We will now be sending more information to parents through email such as newsletters. If you haven't already given us your email address or if you have updated your email then please let a member of staff know. Thank you.

CHEQUES

We no longer accept cheques.

Please pay via bank transfer or standing order.

See note above about cash payments.

PARKING SAFELY

For the safety of all parents/carers and children please can we advise all car users to park within the bays.

If you use a taxi please could you ask the driver to park in the bay also. Thank you

WEATHER

Can we please ask that all parents bring their child into nursery dressed in appropriate clothes for the weather.

At this time of year the weather is changeable so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for that day.



SPARE CLOTHES

Please can you make sure your child has at least one spare set of clothes in nursery at all times. As you know the children love to get messy and are very creative and accidents do happen! so it helps if they have spare clothes to get changed into. Spare clothes can be stored in a small bag on their peg. Please ensure that everything is named. If your child comes home in clothing that is not theirs please can you return it to nursery as soon as possible as we only have a limited amount of spare clothing available. Thank you.

NAPPIES

Please can we remind all parents to bring a supply of nappies into nursery.

Staff will inform you either verbally and /or on your child's daily sheet when we need a new supply.

PARENT ROOM

As you may or may not already be aware, we have set up a room upstairs for parents/carers to use to gain access to a computer to learn how to use parent zone, set up an email address or view their child's observations and assessments on parent zone.

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to use the parent room and they can point you in the right direction.

The parent room is for everyone to use throughout the day!

POTTY TRAINING

If you need any advice on potty training your child then please speak to a member of staff in Bumblebees and 2Bees who will help you through the process.

DAYS OFF

If your child is not going to be in nursery for the day, please could you let a member of staff know or telephone nursery first thing in the morning. If you wish to book holidays at half fees (two weeks per year) a holiday request form needs to be completed and submitted to the office at least four weeks in advance. If you do not inform anyone about your holiday then unfortunately you will still have to pay full fees.

Holiday request forms are available in the office.

MEDICATION POLICY

Our medication policy states that we are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by your GP. Please complete the required paper work when bringing medication into the setting. We also require medication to be taken home at the end of the day as, apart from long term medication, we are unable to store any medication in nursery. Please see the medication policy for more information.