



@Birkbees\_BB

## Newsletter

May-June 2016



Birkbees Childcare  
Huddersfield

### WELCOME

Everyone at Birkbees would like to say a huge welcome to all of those children, parents and carers who started at Birkbees in April 2016!

We hope you have all settled in and enjoy your time here at Birkbees

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### Graduation

30th June and 1st July

#### Cannon Hall Trip

22nd June

#### Nursery Rhymes Summer Fayre

18th June

#### Eid

7th July 2016

#### Half Term Holiday

30th May-3rd June

#### End of term (FUNDED CHILDREN)

8th July 2016

#### Family Photographs

6th June 2016

#### Queenbees parent's evening

21st June

### Iconnect/Parent Zone

Please ensure that you have given us your correct email address to enable 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](http://Childcareportal.net)

And view your child's learning journal.

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can even post your own

### BIRKBEES VISIT CANNON HALL



22nd June 2016

You should have already received a letter regarding Birkbees school leavers cannon hall trip. Please ensure that you read the letter, complete the slip and return it into your child's room as soon as possible. The closing date is 10th June.

### NURSERY RHYMES SUMMER FUN

Come join us at Nursery Rhymes on 18th June at 11am-1pm for a fun packed outing for your family!

If you are interested please speak to a member of staff to buy tickets.



### BIRKBEES GRADUATION 2016

We will be celebrating the graduation of those children in Queenbees, Busybees and Pre-School Stingers who will be leaving Birkbees ready to go to school in September.

We would like to invite you to celebrate your children's graduation ceremony with us! Tickets can be collected free of charge from your child's room.

The graduation dates and times are as follows, please ensure you check the date for your child's own room:

30th June 2016

Queenbees

Morning Graduation-10am-11:30am

Afternoon Graduation-1:30-3:00pm

1st July 2016

Pre-School Stingers-10am-11:30am

Busybees-1:30-3:00pm



### FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Monday 6th June  
2:30-5:00pm



On Monday 6th of June we will be having a family photograph day! This day is an opportunity for you and your family to come into nursery and have professional family photographs taken.

Slips will be available within your room for you to write down three time slots that you are available for an appointment. Please note that each slot is 10 minutes long.

### STAFF NEWS



-We would like to welcome Raquel to our Birkbees staff team! Raquel will be working in the Queenbees room.

-Laura will be returning to Birkbees from maternity leave on the 6th of June 2016. We look forward to seeing her and welcoming her back.

### TRANSITION TO SCHOOL



For those families who have children transitioning to school this September and are still awaiting to hear about their appeal can you please ensure that you let a member of staff know which school they will be attending as soon as possible.

Thank you

*Quote of the term- "Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding"*

### 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 could 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

### SHOW AND TELL

**Queenbees, Busybees** and **Bumblebees** have a show and tell session every Friday where we encourage children to bring in and show their favorite toys/books etc.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please ensure that we always have your current and up to date email address. This is because lots of important information is often sent out via email.

Thank you

### CHEQUES

Please ensure that if you are paying via Cheque that it is made payable to the following name:

**Birkbees Daycare Ltd**

### PARKING SAFELY

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

When the weather is hot outside please ensure that your child comes to nursery with sun cream and a sun hat. These both need to be clearly labeled.

Thank you.

### SPARE CLOTHES

Please can you make sure your child has at least one set of clothes in nursery at all times. As you know the children love to get messy and are very creative, 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. If you are unsure of when you need to bring some more in, please speak to a member of staff in your child's room.

### OUR NEW MENU AND HEALTHY EATING

As you may or may not already be aware, we have a brand new delicious four weekly menu. Starting from the 6th of June If you would like a copy of this menu then please ask a member of staff. You will also see our new cook Chevonne around.

In order to help the setting meet the early year's code of practice for food and drink, we request that you talk to your child about healthy snacks and drinks and avoid bringing sweets and unhealthy snacks into nursery. If you would like some advice on healthy snacks and drinks, please visit

### POTTY TRAINING

If you need any advice on potty training your child then please speak to a member of staff in Bumblebees 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 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.

### 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 when finished as apart from long term medication, we are unable to store any medication that is not in use. Please see the medication policy for more information.

### OUTSTANDING FEES

Just a polite reminder that all invoiced amounts need to be paid by the 20th of the month unless otherwise agreed with management or finance. We have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd fee warning procedure in place which may result in your child losing their place at nursery if their nursery fees aren't paid. Please speak to Tanzila or Susan if you have any questions or concerns on this matter.