

Dates
for your



SUMMER TERM

1ST JUNE 2020

17TH JULY 2020

**ALL CHILDREN
RECEIVING THE
FUNDING SES-
SIONS ONLY
WILL BREAK UP
ON 17TH JULY**

**NURSERY WILL
STAY OPEN TO
ALL CHILDREN
WHO ATTEND
ALL YEAR**

7TH SEPTEMBER

**NURSERY WILL
REOPEN TO
FUNDED SES-
SIONS IN SEP-
TEMBER**

Summer Newsletter 2020

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Susan

We are back

Welcome back to Birkbees! We are ready to play and learn with an exciting curriculum of activities both indoors and out. It has been a very strange few months with the ongoing pandemic and nursery being closed so suddenly. However, the transition back is going smoothly and the children are settling well in to a new routine. It is clear to see that they had really missed their friends and we have missed them too!

SETTLING BACK TO NURSERY

I hope you are all well and looking forward to returning to Birkbees. As your child has been away from nursery for so long, it is important that you prepare them for their first days back. At present we are only opening two rooms, Honeybees and Queenbees, so children who are normally in our upstairs rooms and across in Pre-school Stingers will be in the main building downstairs which may be unsettling for them at first. Bumblebees children will be joining Honeybees babies and the staff in there are Neelam and Fatima. Queenbees staff will be Claire, Paulette and Sidra, so there may well be a familiar face but it is likely that your child will not have their regular key person. Also as numbers of children attending are low, it may be best to explain to your child that not all of their friends will be at nursery and there will be some new friends too. Our new arrival and departure policy means that drop off and pick up will be a bit different too. We ask just one parent to bring children and follow our social distancing where other parents are around, just one parent at a time in the entrance hall. When you ring the bell a member of staff will come to take your child in to nursery. I can imagine that for the first week we may experience tears and tantrums but be assured that we will do all we can to settle your child back in to nursery. For this reason it may be that you would prefer to give your child a shorter day in nursery than normal to begin with, although we are aiming to open for our usual full day, this is entirely your choice and you know your child best. Please send your child to nursery with a bag of spare clothes as due to the risk of infection we can no longer provide spare clothes which would go from nursery to home and back again. For the same reason, please do not bring toys, books or any other items to nursery. We will only accept nappies, baby feeding bottles or water bottles for older children.

With careful preparation we are hoping that it will all go smoothly and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to Birkbees.

**HOME
LEARNING**

Please continue to look out for our emails with home learning ideas and check our Birkbees Facebook to see what the children have been doing in nursery and how you can follow this at home.

Please remember to bring along a bag with a spare pair of clothes in the event that your child requires a change.



Please don't allow anyone to walk into the setting behind you even if you think you know them.



Changed your number or address ... Please let us know !



No matter if its a sick day or a holiday ... Please ring and let us know !



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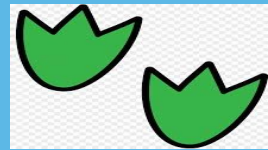
Log on to see your child's learning journey

Learning In Nursery

3-4years

Dinosaur's

The theme over the next few weeks is dinosaurs. Enjoy becoming dinosaur experts! Be immersed in dinosaur learning. Investigate fossils, create your own dinosaurs, explore dinosaur landscapes and draw your own dinosaur. Listen to poems and investigate a map. Look at what dinosaurs eat and create your own healthy dinosaur feast; learn about dinosaur eggs and dinosaur families and their behaviour, make some dinosaur inspired instruments and music. Learn about footprints and their sizes; make dinosaur feet, masks and costumes; create dinosaur dances, movements and routines for a final Dinosaur Stomp!



0-3years

Children are naturally attracted to bright colours, which is why most toys and activities geared towards younger children are brightly coloured. During the toddler years, children have a natural affinity to understand their world around them. Surrounded by a world of colour it is easy to use daily opportunities to discuss colour. There are many activities that can be used by parents and educators alike to help children learn about colour. Honeybees and Bumblebees will be colour matching and colour sorting as well as painting, playing with material, using coloured dough and water and looking at books containing coloured objects.

Weather

The weather keeps changing on a daily basis so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day ahead.

If the sun is shining please ensure your child has a sun hat with them. Nursery provides Boots Soltan factor 50 sun cream and we can apply this to your child once you have given us permission to do so. If you would prefer to bring your own sun cream for your child please send this into nursery, making sure it is named. We do not allow open toe sandals or flip-flops for safety reasons.

When the weather is damp and cold, please ensure your child has a coat (preferably water proof) and wellington boots or water proof shoes/boots. We play out every day, whatever the weather!



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For parents information such as fees, EYFS, Learning at home and also download various documents.



Birkbees Day Care Huddersfield