



Friday 18th March
- Red Nose Day
Sunday 27th March
- Mother's Day
Saturday 2nd April
- Autism Awareness

Funded sessions finish
Friday 8th April

Monday 11th April
- **Friday 22nd April**
Easter Holidays
(No Funding Sessions)

Nursery Closed
(**Friday 15th April**
- **Good Friday**)

Nursery Closed
(**Monday 18th April**
- **Easter Monday**)

Funding sessions commence
Monday 25th April

Nursery Closed
Monday 2nd May
(**May Day Bank Holiday**)

Funding Session finish
Friday 27th May

Monday 30th May
- **Friday 3rd June**
Half term holidays
(No funding Sessions)

Nursery Closed
Thursday 2nd June
(**Spring Bank Holiday**)

Nursery Closed
Friday 3rd June
(**Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**)

Funding sessions commence
Monday 6th June



30 Hours Funding

Have you registered on the 'childcare choices' website?

DEADLINE TO CLAIM FOR THE NEXT 30 HOURS FUNDING WILL BE 31ST MARCH 2022

Please ensure you get us your voucher code if your child turns 3 prior to the above date.

For more information ...
WWW.CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK

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Coronavirus Update

We would like to thank each and every individual for helping us get through the difficult situation with coronavirus in the last 2 years. You will all be pleased to know that we are now coming back to some normality at nursery. If your child is unwell they do not have to take a test for nursery but if you would like to get them tested then that is entirely your choice. If your child is unwell for any reason or any other bugs please ensure you are still following the usual sickness policy letting us know if they are not coming in.

After Easter Holidays we are excited to welcome you all back into our nursery ... this means you no longer need to use the outside gates. You can now access nursery from the main doors ... Press the buzzer for your child's room at the main entrance ... someone will let you in ... you can go through the corridors to your child's room help them with their coats and bags and say your goodbyes outside your child's room. Don't worry if you don't know your way to your child's room as many of you may be new to the inside of our setting therefore let a member of staff know and they will show you the way.

Just a little safety reminder for our new and existing parents ...

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF

Please can you make sure the front door is closed before and after you enter the building. Please do not allow anyone to walk into the setting behind you even if you think you know who they are.



NO

Nursery Staff

Baby room parents ... as you may be aware due to family circumstances Nico-la had to make the tough decision and leave the nursery. Therefore now we have Rachel from Sunflowers room upstairs has moved down to work in the baby room. If you have any queries or questions feel free to speak to a member of staff.

Home Learning



Following our home learning theme we have been discussing and tasting the foods that are good for us and what are bad for us and our oral health. The children first wanted to go for the bad food (chocolate) but after discussion they decided to go for the healthier options.

Our next Home Learning task for all children will be to create an Easter Bonnet Hat!

There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners all bonnet hat's should be handed in by **Friday 8th April** in order to join the competition.



Nursery Fees From April 2022

You should have received a letter via email regarding the nursery fees and sundries increasing from April 2022 and also the new fees attached... if you have not received a letter or you do not have a copy of the new fees then please ask at the office or a member of staff and we will print these for you.



If you are not receiving emails or you are not on facebook or Instagram to see important posters and messages then please inform us via email with your correct email address ... firstclasshuddersfield@gmail.com

What we have been up to at nursery ...

We have had valentines day where children took part in various activities such as making cards for their loved ones, heart painting, making hearts in playdough.

For World Book day lots of children came dressed in their favourite characters and brought their favourite book in to read with their friends.

We have had a spring on-going topic throughout nursery ... the children have been painting with nature brushes (leaves). They have helped to make a herb garden for all the yummy vegetables they will be growing this spring. They have been planting flower seeds, talking about how flowers are grown and what we need to do to keep them healthy. Using spring colours to do painting. Observational drawings of daffodils. Planting flowers using play dough and butterfly printing on tinfoil.

We have also had a science week where we carried out lots of different experiments which the children were fascinated by ... Skittles experiment where they observed and discussed what was happening to the skittles when you pour water over them. Coke and Mentos experiment excited the children when the coke fizzed and exploded as we put the Mentos into it. The colourful unicorn experiment consisted of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and children watched the reaction it made when you mixed everything together. We have used our sense of smell by smelling things and talking about how they would taste. We have watched and talked about how ice melts. We also did a raincloud experiment and waited to see what happens after adding different colour food colouring to the shaving foam and water. We found that the water 'rain' changed to blue and the shaving foam 'cloud' was like a rainbow



If your child is going to school in September you will be able to find out what school your child has been given on Thursday 19th April 2022 via email or by logging onto the Kirklees Parent Portal. Please inform us of the school given to your child.



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Take a look at our Website ...

WWW.BIRKBEES.CO.UK

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

Parent Zone

We are now asking parents to share your child's 'WoW' moments on Parents zone so we are able to see them and we can then print them out and put them into your child's learning journey book. This would mean your child can have a look for themselves and engage with us about what they have been up to at home. It's also helping us work together at home and at nursery and keeping a record of their learning journey.

REMINDER ... Parent zone allows you to log into a secure webpage to see a select quantity of your child's information including:

- Your child's learning journeys
- You can even contribute to your child's learning journey.
- You can see your weekly & monthly bookings
- Account statement showing bills and payments and also daily reports.

ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED AN EMAIL, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION



ParentZone

Download the parent zone app with the blue hand ... Log on to see your child's learning journey.

Unexplained Absences

If your child is not going to be in nursery for the day, **PLEASE** could you let a member of staff know or phone 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. Holiday request forms are available in the entrance and office.

Emergency Contact

Please can we remind all our parents/carers if you change your phone number, address or e-mail to let the staff know so we can update our records in the office. It is so important we have current contact details in case we urgently need to contact you.



Update your contact info!