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Childcare Choices



The website - *Childcare Choices* - sets out all current and upcoming Government childcare offers and support available to parents, including the Tax-Free Childcare scheme and 30 hours, the 15 free hours, tax credits, Universal Credit and childcare vouchers. It has been launched by the Department for Education and the Treasury. Included on the website is a Childcare Calculator for parents to compare all offers and support available to them and check what works best for their family.

Parents will be able to use *Childcare Choices* to register for alerts for the Tax-Free Childcare scheme, which the DfE and Treasury have now confirmed will start from 28 April for parents of the youngest children. They can also sign up for information about the 30 hours of free childcare for three- and four-year-olds, coming in from September, as well as sign up to e-mail alerts that will notify them when they can apply and provide details of existing Government childcare offers. For more information please visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Good Friday - Family Easter Fun Day

We would like to invite you and your family to the Easter Family Fun Day on Friday 14th April between 10.00am -12.00pm. There will a variety of be stalls i.e. Jo Jo's cupcake stall, donkey rides, bouncy castle, hook a duck, and many more activities to be confirmed. We will also be holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet parade. Entries to the Easter Bonnet competition are welcome from all the children and their siblings. Each entry will receive a small prize and certificate. Please see examples below:



PE Development and Enrichment Programme Launch Day

On Friday 14th April at the Easter Fun Morning we will be launching our new PE Development programme. Learning Curve Nursery Group will be working in partnership with AFC Fylde Community Trust to deliver a new programme of PE, Yoga, Popercise and Football.

To coincide with the new programme we are launching a new sports uniform for the children to wear when taking part in these lessons and are available for you to purchase. If you are interested in purchasing the uniform please see Anne or Vicki.



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of early years experts and parents. In 2012 the framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter most. This new framework also has a greater emphasis on your role in helping your child develop. The framework has been revised again with changes to the statutory guidance coming in to effect in September 2014. Here is a guide for parents with more information

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended.pdf

The early years foundation stage



Pre-school Graduation Photo's

On Thursday 11th May at 10am, Red Frog Photography will take a group photo, and can also take individual shots if requested. If your child does not attend nursery on a Thursday please arrive at nursery at 9:45am. You will be asked to wait until your child's photo has been taken. Please be aware this photo will appear in the Blackpool Gazette.

On Friday 19th May at 9:30 we will be taking the Tempest group photo and individual photos which parents can purchase if they wish. If your child does not attend nursery on a Friday please arrive at 9:15am, parents again will be expected to wait with their child until photos are taken.



Dates to remember.

14th April - Easter Fun Day.

14th April - Bank Holiday

17th April – Easter Monday. (Bank Holiday)

1st May - Bank holiday.

11th May – Red Frog Graduation Photograph

19th May – Tempest Graduation Photograph

29th May - Bank holiday.

To see full events list for 2017 please visit our web page by clicking on the following link
<http://www.learningcurvenursery.co.uk/welcome.asp>