

# Butterfly Lodge Newsletter

April 2017



## Welcome Hannah



Butterfly Lodge would like to welcome Hannah Farnham to our team, Hannah has recently come back from maternity leave her current role is Bluebell Lodge deputy manager however she will be acting manager whilst Becca is on Maternity leave. Hannah will officially take over Becca's role as of the 31<sup>st</sup> May but will be around working in all the rooms and the office until then. Hannah has worked for learning curve nursery group since, she began her career at Clifton Lodge as a modern apprentice, Hannah has completed her level 3 in childcare and has had experience being a room Co-ordinator, Deputy Manager and EYP support.

## Bubble Rush

We would like to thank all the children and their families for the kind donations in sponsoring the staff to take part in this year's Bubble rush for Brain house. We have so far successfully raised over £600. The staff did a fantastic job in running in the race despite the weather being a bit rainy everyone still had a great time and smiles all round.



## Pre-school Graduation picture

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 we will be taking the Tempest group photo and individual photos where the children will be dressed in their caps and gowns which parents can purchase if they wish. If your child does not attend nursery on a Friday please arrive at 10:45am, parents again will be expected to wait with their child until photos are taken.

## Easter Fun day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Becca or Beki in the office.



## 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/>



## Reminder

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that their children have with them all outdoor clothing in their nursery bags. As the weather is so unpredictable here is a nursery checklist of all the items we will be needing.

Winter and summer hat

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Sun cream

Gloves

Wellies

## Dates for Diary

14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Fun Day.

14<sup>th</sup> April - Bank Holiday

17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday. (Bank Holiday)

1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank holiday.