

Butterfly Lodge Newsletter

March 2017



Parents Evening

This term our parents evening will be on Tuesday 21st March 6:00pm-8:00pm. Parents evening is always a perfect opportunity to go through your child's profile and discuss with your child's key person about their progression at nursery and what activities we have been getting up to. If you would like to book an appointment, please speak to your child's key person or see Becca or Becki in the office.

Red nose day



Red Nose Day is on Friday the 24th March, to support this great charity we will be coming into nursery on that day dressed in anything Red. Throughout the week the children will be partaking in different fundraising activities. We would love for everyone to join in and if anyone has any suggestions for fundraising that they would like to put forward please put a slip in our suggestion box in the hallway.

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, the fun day is held at our sister nursery Bluebell Lodge located on St Anne's road. 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:



30 hours free childcare

From September 2017, the government will increase free childcare to 30 hours a week (for up to 38 weeks a year). This is part of the childcare act 2016. To qualify for the full 30 hours of free childcare, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) will need to earn, on average, the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage per week and no more than £100,000 per year. A family with an annual household income of £199,998 would be eligible if each parent earns just under £100,000. Self-employed parents and parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible if they meet the average earnings threshold. Families where one parent is not in paid employment (or neither parent works) will usually not be eligible for these additional hours. Parents who are studying or in training will not be eligible unless this is combined with paid work which meets the minimum average earnings threshold.



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

- 2nd March - World Book day
- 21st March - Parents Evening.
- 24th March - Comic Relief
- 26th March - Mother's Day