

Butterfly Lodge Newsletter

May 2017



30 hours free child care



From September Butterfly Lodge is intending on delivering the funded 30 hours (15 hours extension for qualifying parents). Due to the nursery being open throughout the year this equates to 22 hours per week. If you have applied you will be issued with an 11-digit code which you will need to supply this to the nursery. If you haven't applied for the 30 hours free please see the link below to apply:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Pre-School leavers

All the children leaving for school in September should all by now know which schools they will be attending in September; please can all parents ensure they have told their child's keyworker which school they have been allocated as this helps us in preparation of our school transition documents that will be sent from your child's key person to their new teacher. School transitions can be a sensitive time for young children and their families, at Butterfly Lodge we try to ensure that we have a smooth transition process by planning special activities to ensure they are ready for school and we have group discussions times where the children can talk about their feelings on school life. We also have a special school transition box where we have starting school stories, uniforms and school equipment in where the children can talk about what school life might be like when they start in September. We also put pictures of your child's school in so they can see what the building will look like and a picture of their teacher is put in so that when we are having our discussions the children will be able to see who we are talking about. We also understand that for many of our parents this will be their first time too taking your children to school and will also have some questions about what might happen, if you do have any queries or questions about school life please speak to your child's key person or alternatively speak to Becca or Hannah in the office.



Pre-school Graduation picture

We have our pre-school graduation pictures taking place on the Wednesday 10th May with red frog photography, the group photo from this session will be going in the newspaper, if your child does not attend this session normally please can you ensure they are here for 12:45 so that we can get the ready in their caps and gowns. We also have another photo opportunity for our graduation pictures on the 19th May at 11am again if your child does not normally attend a Friday session please ensure they arrive at 10:45am.



Butterfly and Bluebell summer fair

Saturday July 29th 12:00-14:30 is our annual summer fair, the fair will take place at Bluebell Lodge located on St Anne's road. There will be lots of games and activities for both children and their families to join in with and drinks and refreshments will be served throughout the day. We hope to see you all there!

Our summer fair is also when we have our very special pre-school graduation ceremony where we honour all the children leaving for school. The children are presented with their diplomas wearing their caps and gowns and the pre-school staff prepare a special speech which will be read out, the graduation ceremony time will be confirmed and we hope to see all our pre-school graduates there.



Fees

From September the nursery will no longer be accepting fees paid on a weekly basis. If you currently pay your fees weekly you will need to change over to monthly payments from September. Thank you to every parent who pays their fees on time, your support is very much appreciated. We would be grateful if all parents could pay their fees at the beginning of the month for that month by cheque or regular monthly standing order. We respectfully ask that parents call into the nursery manager's office to pay fees and not leave cheques or money in their child's room.

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

May 10th Red Frog Graduation Photography

May 19th Tempest Graduation Photography

May 27th Ramadan (First Day)

May 29th Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

June 27th Ramadan (Last Day)

June 24th Lytham Club Day

July 8th St Annes Club Day Parade

July 11th Parents Eveining 18:00 - 20:00

July 29th Summer Fair & Graduation 12:00 - 14:30

August 28th Bank Holiday (nursery closed)