

First Class - Spring Term Newsletter 2019

Day Care Centre

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DIARY DATES 2019

Easter Holidays - Monday 15th - Friday 26th April

Good Friday - Friday 19th April (Nursery Closed)

Easter Monday - Monday 22nd April (Nursery Closed)

Ramadhan - Monday 6th May (Dates can vary)

TRAINING DAY - Tuesday 7th May 2019 (Nursery Closed)

Caterpillar's coming to nursery - Friday 10th May

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27th May (Nursery closed)

Spring Half term Holiday - Monday 27th - Fri 31st May
(No funded sessions)

Parents Evening - June - Exact date to be confirmed

Eid-ul-fitr - Thursday 6th June (Dates can vary)

Father's Day - Sunday 16th June

Family Learning Events

Babies - Friday 21st June - 10:15-11:00 am

Bumblebees & Sunflowers - Monday 17th June - 10:15-11:00 am

Pre-school & Bluebells - to be confirmed

Pre-school Leavers trip - Kirklees Railway - Thursday 4th July

First Class Graduation - Wednesday 10th July

Bumblebees & Sunflowers trip - Wednesday 17th July
- To be confirmed.

Summer holidays - Monday 22nd July - (No funded sessions)

Fundraising

Firstly we would like to thank everyone who participated in Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March by dressing up in brightly coloured clothing and taking part in our party ... with your on-going support we managed to raise £190.30.



We would like to congratulate Cassie in baby room for her surprise arrival of her baby girl. Cassie will now be on maternity leave a little earlier than scheduled, mummy and baby are fine and resting. Kelsey has returned from maternity leave after having her little boy. Kelsey is based in Bluebells room upstairs and will work Monday's & Friday's. We would like to welcome Rupinder our new member of staff, who will be covering Cassie in baby room. Rupinder will be working three days a week all year round.



Kelsey



Rupinder



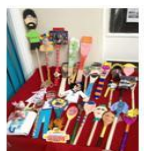
Cassie

INTERESTS/THEMED TOPICS IN NURSERY & HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Our theme from January was 'People who help us'. We looked at Doctors, Dentist's, police, fire and ambulance services, parents, families and other people who may help us in our every day lives.



We had a visit from police officers who explained what they do as part of their job, showed their uniform, equipment and their vehicle. As part of our home learning activity we asked for you to make a wooden spoon into someone who helped your child. We then had a 'Life Cycle' theme and we asked for you



to create your own version of any life cycle.

As part of our life cycle theme we have had chicks in our nursery.

The children have been so intrigued and concerned about the chicks that they kept continuously asking staff to take them to look at them as they were hatching.

We have been regularly updating face book to keep



you all in the loop if you are not already following us then please do so by Liking our page ...



First Class Childcare Huddersfield.



We will be having caterpillars coming to our nursery soon, the children will watch them as they grow into beautiful butterflies.

Our upcoming theme and Home learning topic will be 'Growing' we will be planting and growing different things. We will be asking you to take part by taking sunflower seeds home and helping your child grow a beautiful sunflower.

We have had lots of lovely work brought into nursery thank you for taking part in our home learning activities, please send pictures of your child taking part in these activities with you at home to our nursery email

firstclasshuddersfield@gmail.com



Our Home Learning Library has been a great success lots of children have been coming with their parents to the office to choose a book on a regular basis. If you have not already visited our library then please feel free to pop into the office and ask a member of staff to help you to the box of books where you can choose a book to take home.



Nursery will be closed on **Tuesday 7th May** for a Staff Training Day. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

MEDICATION

Our medication policy states that we are only able to administer calpol for up to 48 hours any other medication must be prescribed by your GP. Please complete the required paperwork when bringing medication into the setting and then sign on collection when picking up your child. We also require medication to be taken home when finished apart from long term medication, we are unable to store any medication that is not in use. Please see the medication policy for more information.

IF YOU CANNOT COLLECT YOUR CHILD...

If your child is being collected by a family member or a friend **PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Ring nursery to inform us of who is collecting your child
- Give the name of the person collecting and a password
- Send a picture via email if possible of the person collecting.

If you fail to follow these procedures this may result in your child not being sent home with the person collecting as your child's safety is paramount for us.

Nursery Fees

Fee Increase - April 2019

The Nursery fees have increased as from Monday 1st April 2019.

Due to higher than usual increases of the living wage and increased pension contributions the fees will be increasing by 6% this year. The Birkbees Group of nurseries continues to invest in staff development through continuous training and professional development as well as budgets for new resources and technology. In order to maintain a high-quality service to all families, this investment must be possible if we are to develop the settings further and provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities.

Full time - Under 3's £240 - Over 3's - £235

Full Day - Under 3's - £49 - Over 3's - £48

Half Day Sessions - under 3's - £29 - Over 3's - £28

30 HOURS FUNDING FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED ON THE 'CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE'?

Please don't forget to re-new your voucher code

TAKE A LOOK AT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK



Don't forget to check Parent Zone on a regular basis. 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

REMINDER

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!

SAFETY REMINDER

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.



DAYS OFF/HOLIDAYS

If your child is not going to be in nursery for the day, please could you let a member of staff know or telephone 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.

Taking a
Day Off

SPARE CLOTHES / CLOTHES FOR APPROPRIATE WEATHER

Please could we ask all parents/carers to bring in a change of clothes for their children as we have limited amount of spare clothes. Please use a small bag as there is limited space on the coat pegs. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear especially for outdoor play. We also would recommend you to bring appropriate outdoor clothing as the children play out in all weathers.

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.