



January 2020 Newsletter

Our adult led thread this month will be: Winter and hibernation

When we return to nursery in January we will be exploring the season and all that it has to offer from the weather, the clothes needed to keep warm and dry, snow and ice, making our own snowflakes - practicing our scissor skills, exploring what some animals do in the winter and even making our own caves/dens to hibernate in! We will also be exploring Chinese New Year at the end of January, learning about different traditions and festivals giving children the opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding of the world.

If there are any festivals or traditions celebrated at home with your child or families then please share these with us and we will be happy to learn and build this into our planning too.

Wow! What a busy and very productive term we have had at nursery! We look forward to seeing all the children and their families back at nursery after the two weeks holiday and we can't wait to hear all about it. Please feel free to bring anything into nursery with you when you return if you would like to share your stories and adventures for show and tell at circle time with us all. We also look forward to welcoming our new children and their families in January too.

Information for new starters:

- Morning session 9am-1pm / Afternoon session 1:30pm-5:30pm / Full day session 9am-5:30pm
- Please bring a named bottle of water along with your child's lunch and/or tea box.
- Ensure your child has with them a named bag with spare clothes as messy play is always available every session.
- Nappy changing bag if required
- Ensure your child has suitable clothes for the weather. E.g. coat, gloves, sun hat, etc
- If your child is attending a full day then please bring with them in their bag any comforters they may need if they sleep during the day such as a blanket, dummy, cuddly toy, etc.

Our contact details are as follows:

Charlotte's Web Pre-School Nursery

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Please could we request that children bring a pair of clearly named slippers to nursery which can be left on site for them to wear whilst indoors. Ideally these would be Velcro fastened ones which are secure to their feet. This is to keep the carpet play areas free from outside dirt and to maximise their comfort during their session.

Please can we ask that each child creates an A4 sized page to go into our All About Me folder which will be located in the book corner. These should include a photo of your child and some photos of their family members, pets or anybody who is important to them. Please label each photo on the page telling us who it is, this will help us to talk about these special people with your child. This can be double sided if you so

wish. Thank you if you have already done this, it provides a great resource and enables us to interact with your child more effectively about the special people in their lives.

Flexi-time - This has been made available to parents/carers who wish to extend their children's sessions with the option of adding an extra hour or two to their existing sessions without having to commit to a full extra session. For example, extending a morning session, normally 9am-1pm, to 9am-3pm instead or starting an afternoon session earlier at say 11am. The choice is yours!

Just a reminder that Charlotte's Web nursery t-shirts are to be worn by all children. They are available to purchase directly from nursery in a range of sizes at a cost of £7 each. These can be paid either with cash or added to your child's invoice. This helps your child to feel a sense of belonging to their nursery, eases the transition from home to nursery and nursery to school as well as saving you messy play fun and the exploration of their own independence on your child's 'home' clothes!

Diary Dates:

Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020 – Nursery closed for Christmas. Returning on Monday 6th January 2020.

February – Parents evening. Further details to follow.

Polite Reminder...

- * Fees are due by the 5th of each month in full. After this date a late payment charge will be applied.
- * No sweets or fizzy drinks to be brought to nursery.
- * Please name your child's lunchbox, drinks bottle, coat, hat, etc.
- * Please check lost property for any missing belongings. These items will be stored by us for 28 days.
- * Please bring a drink bottle each session and place it in the red carriers.
- * Advise us of any changes to your contact details.
- * If your child will be off sick then please let us know as soon as possible as we have to record all absences.

For information on accessing help to cover childcare costs you can visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and find out what you could be eligible for. This includes: tax-free childcare, 15 hour funding for 2 year olds and 3-4 year olds, 30 hour funding for 3-4 year olds, tax credits for childcare, universal credit for childcare and support while you study.

Some children will be eligible for extra funding through the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) to support their child's development, learning and care. It is additional funding provided from the Government to support three and four year olds early education. To find out if your child could benefit from this you can visit: <https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/childcare/paying-for-childcare/EarlyYearsPupilPremium.aspx>

If you need any support with this then please come and talk with me and I'll be happy to help.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support. Any queries/concerns then please do not hesitate to talk to us. Equally, any ideas or suggestions you may have to improve or enhance the setting then let us know. We value your feedback.

Charlotte and the Charlotte's Web Pre-School Nursery team.