



April 2021 Newsletter

Hello everyone!

As we reflect on a year of the Pandemic it is important to recognise that everyone has had to adapt and change but considering this fact the children have continued to be incredible, as have the team and you as their parents and carers. We are learning all the time and will continue to do so as the world changes. Thank you for all of your support as always.

Our adult led theme this month is 'Our Community'. We will be explaining this to the children as a group of people living and working in the same area and how people in communities might go to the same schools, shop in the same stores and do the same things. We will explore how they also help each other and solve problems together by facilitating lots of play-based opportunities to explore this theme. If you have any ideas or if your child has a particular interest then please let us know so we can incorporate this into our planning.

Polite Reminder...

- * All children to be wearing their pre-school t-shirts please. We have stock at nursery if you require additional uniform.
- * Fees are due by the 5th of each month in full. After this date a late payment charge will be applied.
- * If your child attends a Friday Morning session please can they wear or bring with them a pair of sturdy trainers to allow them to take part in the sports Lightbulb classes.
- * 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.
- * We have a strict no nuts policy

HappyMaps - supporting children's mental health

HappyMaps resources have been chosen because they suggest a variety of strategies rather than just one way of doing things and have been recommended by other parents, by mental health charities and by professionals. BCP council have asked we share this great website with our parents and carers.

<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/age-group/preschool>

Diary Dates:

Friday 2nd April 2021 – Good Friday – Nursery closed

Monday 5th April 2021 -Easter Monday – Nursery closed

Here is a reminder of some of the measures we have put in place to make sure our preschool nursery is as safe as possible for everyone:

- If your child attends more than one preschool, nursery or childminder you will be asked to choose only one setting to enable their bubble to be kept as small as possible to prevent the spread of the virus between settings.
- Drop off and collection - Only one parent who is symptom free will be allowed onto the nursery grounds but will not be allowed into the preschool building. Please respect staff and distance yourself 2 meters away from them at all times.
- No buggies, scooters or bikes etc. will be allowed to be stored at preschool at this time. No parking of cars on the nursery premises as we will be needing this space to maximise outside play and need to set this up in advance of children's arrival. On arrival at preschool please take note of the markers set up, both on the pavement outside nursery and in the narrow entrance to the main doors to support social distancing. Please be patient as drop off and collection times may take longer than usual and respect others space at all times.
- Adults must stay 2 meters away from other adults and keep their child with them until they have been dropped off.
- We will take temperatures of children and staff on arrival. Children should be symptom free of any illness. We may ask the children if they have had medicine in the morning or afternoon when they arrive as parents have often given Calpol to bring down a temperature to enable them to get to work. Please do not do this.
- We will be outside more often regardless of the weather so please dress your child appropriately. Coats will be needed every day. Hats, gloves, wellies, etc are advisable.
- You must ensure all of your emergency contacts are up to date and are able to collect your child in the event of an emergency or they become ill. You must be able to collect your child within 30 minutes of receiving a telephone call.
- Children must not bring in any comforters, soft toys, blankets, toys or anything other than their coat, spare change of clothes/nappy changing bags and their packed lunch with a clearly named water bottle. We are now limiting how much comes into preschool.
- Catch it, Bin it, Kill it, wash your hands will remain our policy – please continue this at home. Also try the coughing into your elbow.
- We have removed a lot of resources and equipment such as blankets, soft toys, dough, water, sand etc. and have cleaned everything in sight. We will continue to clean up during the day as usual and at the end of the day do a thorough clean.

We have started to reintroduce some items such as playdough where the children have their own named pot and do not mix these with others. We have undertaken a risk and benefit assessment of each limited activity which we will keep under constant review.

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.