



Spring Term Newsletter 2023

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and wish all our children and their families a Happy New Year. The

Important Dates

Start of term

9th January 2023

Spring Half term

13th - 17th February 2023

First Day Back

20th February 2023

Final reminder for school registration

If your child was born between **1 September 2018 - 31 August 2019** they will be due to start school at an infant or primary school in **September 2023**. You will need to register your child for a school place, the deadline for registering is **15th January 2023**. Online applications are now open at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can complete a paper copy. The local schools will have open days and we recommend you contact the schools directly or visit their websites for details.

Christmas Performance

It was fantastic to be able to hold our annual Christmas performance with so many families and friends attending. Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Bear Hugs Nativity. The children enjoyed learning their New Christmas songs and looked wonderful in their Nativity costumes.



Please take time to check out our Facebook page [@bearhugsnurseryaddleston](https://www.facebook.com/bearhugsnurseryaddleston) where we share photos and comments on the topics and activities your child/ren participate in each week. You can leave a comment or thumbs up if you like what you see.

Family photo's

At the beginning of our spring term, we will be covering All about me. To support this topic, we would like the children to bring in family photos to share and keep at nursery.

The idea is that each child has their own family photo book. Photos to include are pictures such as Mum, dad, siblings, family pet/s aunts, uncles, cousins etc and any other close family or important people to your child.

If you could then please name, the back of the photo's so we know who is who in the picture.

If you are unable to print of pictures, then please send them to bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com

We need your help!

Can you please help us with the following items

- News papers
- Spare clothes

If your child has outgrown any clothes, please could you donate them to Bear Hugs Nursery as our spare clothes supply is running low.

Many thanks



Spring Term Topics

WB 9/01/2023	All about me
WB /01/2023	Chinese New Year (year of the Rabbit)
WB /01/2023	Healthy eating
WB /02/2023	Hygiene
WB /02/2023	My favourite things (Valentine's Day)



Nappies

Please can you make sure your child has enough nappies and wipes in their bag. If your child does a morning or afternoon session only, please make sure there is at least two nappies, if your child does all day then please make sure there is at least 4 nappies. Please can I also remind parents not to provide pull ups.

staff would like to thank you for your lovely cards and presents, which are much appreciated.

Clothing and footwear

As the weather is now colder, please can you insure your child has hat, gloves, and a coat for garden time.

All children must have two pairs of footwear. Preferably velcro plimsols for the inside and wellington boots for the garden area. No lace up footwear.

Also, please ensure your child has a full set of extra clothing including socks for situations where they require changing through drink spillages, wet play, etc.

If your child is toilet training, please make sure you pack plenty of changes of clothes.

If you are considering toilet training, please speak to your child's key worker who will be happy to discuss with you our toilet training guidelines.

Toys

Please can we remind parents not to send their child into nursery with any toys, as this can become very upsetting for your child when they become lost, broken or even when another child tries to play with the toy. Bear Hugs nursery does not take any responsibility for any lost or broken toys.



Sessions

Please can we remind you to arrive on time for your sessions. As this can be very disruptive for the other children and upsetting for your own when arriving late.

If you require an extra session, then please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help. Extra sessions costs for a morning or afternoon are £21 or £7 an hour. This can be paid in cash or via BACS using your child's name as the reference, Account Name: **Bear Hugs Nursery**, Account No: **84174269** Sort Code: **60-23-40**. Extra sessions are only available if we have the available space, we unfortunately do not offer you to swap or change your days for any missed sessions.

Lunch boxes

In line with the nursery's healthy eating policy, it is recommended that your child's lunch should provide a healthy balance of fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, and protein such as egg, ham, or cheese. Although, your child may have a maximum of one treat, such as a cake or biscuit, your child should not have sweets, chocolate, or sugary drinks in their lunch box. Forbidden and uneaten food will be put back into your child's lunch box.

Please can I also remind parents to cut up any choking hazards you may put into your child's lunch box, such as grapes, tomatoes, blueberries etc. These should be cut lengthwise into quarters. Never slice widthways because they'll still be big enough to choke on.

Bear Hugs Nursery is now a juice free nursery and will only be able to offer your child milk or water to drink during the day.



Termly Voluntary Donation

As a nursery we provide daily snacks for your child to develop their understanding of healthy eating. Also, provided are a wide variety of craft materials and play resources that support creativity and meaningful play activities. In support of the nursery maintaining/ extending resources available to your child. I would like to ask for a voluntary donation. If you feel able to support the nursery in this way, please complete the attached slip and return with your donation.

Your support is much appreciated.

Medication

If you have administered Calpol/Nurofen to your child, they should not attend nursery for 24hrs from the time when the medicine was ingested. This is because Calpol and Nurofen can mask the effects of illness which could then be passed onto other children.

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics the exclusion period is 48hrs to ensure your child does not have an allergic reaction and to give the antibiotics time to work.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Finally ... If you have any questions, concerns, or queries about anything at Bear Hugs Nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Pullen (Manager) or Miss Huggett (Deputy) or even your child's key person. We are always happy to share information with you and help in any way we can. Alternatively, you may contact the nursery:

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Additional information can be found on our website: bearhugsnursery.com
or Facebook: [@bearhugsnurseryaddlestone](https://www.facebook.com/bearhugsnurseryaddlestone)