



Summer Term Newsletter 2023

We hope you all had a fantastic half term, and we would like to welcome you back to the Summer term. During this half of the Summer Term the children will be learning all about people who help us, real life superheroes and fiction superheroes.

Important Dates

Start of Summer term

17th April 2023

Inset Day

(May bank holiday)

1st May 2023

Inset Day

(Kings Coronation)

8th May 2023

Half Term

29th May- 2nd June #

First Day Back

5th June 2023

Superhero Week 24th April - 27th April

At Bear Hugs Nursery we would like to give the children the opportunity to come into nursery dressed up as their favourite superhero, this can be a fiction or non-fictional character. If they also have a book, they would like to share with us linked to a Superhero that we could share all together at circle time they are welcome to bring them in as well.

We just ask that any books are clearly labeled with your child's name.



School Places for September 2023

Children who are going to school in September 2023 should be notified on 17th April the school your child will be attending. Please could you contact Bear Hugs Nursery and let Claire or Sophie know the primary school, so that the nursery can liaise with their new school.



Please take time to check out our Facebook page @bearhugsnurseryad dlestone 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.

We need your help!

Can you please help us with the following

- News papers

Family photo's

Thank you to those who have brought in family photos. We would like all the children to bring in family photos to share and be kept 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 in the pictures.

If you are unable to print of pictures, then please send them to bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com and we will be happy to print them for you.



Spring Term Topics

WB 17 th April	Police
WB 24 th April	Superhero's
WB 1 st May	Kings Coronation
WB 8 th May	Firemen and women
WB 15 th May	Dr and Hospitals
WB 22 nd May	Post office and delivery drivers

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.

Warmer weather

As the weather gets sunnier the children will need to bring in sun hats and have sun lotion applied at home before they attend their session. Please put suntan lotion into your child's bag so that the nursery can reapply suntan lotion in the afternoon to children who attend both the morning and afternoon session that day. Children are still required to have two pairs of footwear, one pair for inside and one pair for the garden area. The footwear should not have laces, as children are encouraged to become independent in changing their own footwear. Due to the weather getting warmer we will be outside playing with water. Please can we make sure all children have a change of spare clothes.

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

Can we please make sure all belongings are clearly labelled so that any lost items can be returned.



Absences

Please can we remind parents to contact the nursery to report if your child is going to be absent before their session is due to start. If we have not heard from parent/carer 15 minutes after the start of session we will make contact with you to find out why your child/ren are absent.

Leavers Party and Concert (morning only session) - 9.30am to 12pm

On Tuesday 18th July, all the children who are going to school in September 2022 are invited to a leavers' party, followed by a leavers' concert. At 11.30am parent/carers will be invited to watch their child perform songs they will learn during the second-half of the summer term.

Termly Voluntary Donation

Please take time to consider if you are able to support the nursery with a termly donation. As a nursery we do not charge for your child's daily mid-morning and afternoon snacks, craft materials or add additional charges to your free funded sessions. Previously, the nursery has been able to use the donations to purchase new cameras for the children to use and waterproof trousers for the children to wear in the outside area on wet days. If you feel able to support the nursery in this way you can do this via BACS using your child's name as the reference Account Name: Bear Hugs Nursery, Account No: 84174269, Sort Code: 60-23-40.

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.

This also applies at pick up time. Please can we make sure we are arriving on time to collect your child/ren as this can be very upsetting for your child when they are left waiting alone.

Late Collection fee of Child will be an additional charge of £7 per 15 minutes for children who are collected more than 15 minutes late from the child's agreed session or without prior permission.

Places for siblings

If your child has a younger sibling that is requiring a space at Bear Hugs Nursery, please speak to Claire so they can be put onto the waiting list.

Extra Hours for September 2022

If you would like your child to increase their hours in September, please contact the nursery and speak to Claire or Sophie .

Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE)

Children whose third birthday falls between 01.04.23 - 31.08.23 will be eligible for the EYFE in September. We will give you a form to complete if this applies to you. The grant entitles you to 15 hours per week of free nursery care, which is equivalent to 5 x 3 hour sessions per week.

30 Hours Free Entitlement

Your child, from the term after they turn 3 years, could be eligible for 30 hours free childcare. Bear Hugs Nursery is offering up to 24 hours (8 sessions) free childcare to those children of working parents that meet the scheme's criteria. To check your eligibility visit the HM Government Childcare Choices website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>. If your child already receives the 30 hours free funding or you are eligible to start using the additional hours in September 2023, you will need to register/re-register by 31st August 2023 to start/continue to use the hours in September 2023.

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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