



End of Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Staff News

Bear Hugs Nursery would like to congratulate our staff member, Natasha Demaris who got married on 12th October, sharing a royal wedding day with Princess Eugenie and Jack Brookbank. Natasha will now be known as Mrs Wilkins.

Termly donations

Bear Hugs Nursery would like to thank those families that have supported the nursery by giving a termly donation. As a result the nursery has been able to purchase waterproof trousers for the children to wear in the garden area over their own clothing to protect the children from wet surfaces in the outdoor area.

Autumn Term Topics

For the second half of the Autumn Term the children will be looking at Autumn leaves, animals, birds and planting bulbs ready for Spring. In addition, our topics will celebrate Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Children in Need

Bear Hugs Nursery will be supporting Children in Need by holding a Duck Sweepstake. All you need to do is choose a duck/s from the Children in Need Poster and give a £2 donation per duck. The winner will be drawn on Friday 16th November at 3.30pm and shown on the Bear Hugs facebook page. In addition, the children in on Friday 16th are invited to come into nursery wearing animal fancy dress for a £1 donation.

Free Flu Vaccines for Children

Children aged two and three years, or in school years reception up to year five are all eligible for the flu vaccination on the NHS. The child-friendly nasal spray, delivers a painless squirt into each nostril, making administration to this age group quick and easy. In Surrey, children aged two and three years old can visit their GP for the nasal spray vaccination. Small children are also known as "super spreaders", so protecting children can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

Operation Encompass

Bear Hugs Nursery has taken the opportunity to join the Operation Encompass scheme which will run jointly between local early years settings, schools, Surrey Police and Surrey County Council. Please see the attached letter for further information.

Clothing and Footwear

We have noticed that some children are not bringing in two pairs of footwear and would like to remind you that all children need to have two pairs of footwear to protect their feet from puddles and wet astro turf, and keeping the hall floor from being wet and slippery. It is recommended to have velvose plimsols for the inside area and wellington boots for the garden area. We request that children do not have lace up footwear, as this prevents children from becoming independent and the laces often come undone. In addition, coats, hats, scarves and gloves will be needed as the weather becomes colder. Please ensure all your child's clothing, footwear and items, such as drinking containers, are clearly named.

Earrings

We do not recommend that children have their ears pierced, but if they do only stud earrings should be worn.

Christmas Fair

On Saturday 24th November, 10am-2pm, the Addlestone Methodist Church is holding their annual Christmas Fair. Please come along to support the Bear Hugs stall and to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the fair.

Nativity Play

Friday 14th December is the last day of the Autumn Term and all the Bear Hugs children (even if this is not their usual session) are invited to attend the nursery at 9.30am on this day and join in our Christmas party. This will be followed by a nativity performance by the children in the Methodist Church. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to coffee in the church before the performance from 10.30am. The nativity performance by the children in the church will start at 11.30am.

End of Term

The last afternoon session will be on Thursday 13th December. The last day of term, Friday 14th December, will be a morning only session with the children going home for their Christmas break straight after the nativity performance.

Term Dates in 2019

Spring Term

Tuesday 8th January - Friday 5th April 2019
Half Term 19th - 22nd February 2019

Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 19th July
Half Term 28th May - 31st May 2019

Registration for School

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015 they will be due to start school at either an infant or primary school in September 2019. You will need to register them for a school place from 29th October 2018 and the deadline for registering is 15th January 2019. You can register online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or 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.

Childcare Choices

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 free childcare to those children of working parents that meet the schemes criteria. If your child is eligible and you would like to use the extra hours you will need to go online before the end of this term and obtain an Eligibility Code that must be given to Fiona in order to receive the extra funding from January 2019. If your child is already receiving the extra funding, you will need to reconfirm your details before the end of December to continue to claim the extra funding.
https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Foundation+Years&utm_campaign=1a0693eb0e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e05004a334-1a0693eb0e-296121581

And Finally

If you have any questions, concerns or queries about anything at Bear Hugs Nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to Fiona Fox or your child's key person. We are always happy to share information with you and help in anyway we can. Alternatively, you may contact the nursery: e-mail: bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com, telephone no. 07849 657290, Additional information can be found on our website: bearhugsnursery.com or Facebook: @bearhugsnurseryaddlestone