



Summer Term Newsletter 2019

Welcome

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Easter Break and are looking forward to the Summer Term. This term we would like to welcome three new members of staff Mrs Claire Pullen, Ms Kerry Griffiths and Ms Rebecca Tiller. In addition, we would like to give a warm welcome to the children and their families who are starting at Bear Hugs Nursery this term.

Red Nose Day

The nursery supported the charity Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) last term. Thank you to all those parents that took part in the sweep stake. The nursery raised £28 for the charity.

Summer Term Topics

For the first half of the Summer Term the children will develop their understanding of the five different senses - touch, smell, hearing, taste and seeing. During the second half of the Summer Term the children will learn about hot and cold places, such as Antarctica and the desert. They will consider the animals, clothing, colours and textures associated with hot and cold environments.

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 waterproof trousers, which are regularly worn by all the children to protect their clothing in the garden on wet day. Now the nursery would like to purchase new book bags for the children to use when transporting their library book home.

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 the session. The nursery will reapply suntan lotion in the afternoon to children who have attend both the morning and afternoon session that day.

Absence

If your child is unable to attend nursery, please inform the nursery via a text or phone call stating your child's name and the reason for the absence before 9.30am on the day of absence.

Facebook

Find us on facebook @bearhugsnurseryaddestone and like us if you enjoy the photographs and comments we make regarding the activities that your children participate in at Bear Hugs Nursery.

End of Term Concert

On Friday 19th July, all the children who are going to school in September 2019 are invited to a leavers' party and will perform in the leavers' concert, where the children will perform songs they are going to learn during the second-half of the summer term.

Summer Term Dates 2019

Start of term Tuesday 23rd April

Half term 28th May – 31st May

Last lunch club Thursday 18th July

End of term Thursday 18th July for non leavers
Friday 19th July for children starting school in September 2019
Friday 19th July is a morning only session, starting at 9.30am

Fees

It is important that all fees for this Summer Term are completely paid in full by **5th July**.

School Places for September 2019

Children who are going to school in September 2019 should have been notified on 16th April the school your child will be attending. Please could you let your child's key person know the primary school, so that the nursery can liaise with them.

Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE)

Children whose third birthday falls between 01.04.19 – 31.08.19 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 free childcare to those children of working parents that meet the schemes criteria. To check your eligibility and receive an eligibility code, please visit the HM Government Childcare Choices website 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

Extra Hours for September 2019

If you would like your child to increase their hours in September, please speak to Fiona or your child's key person.

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: telephone no. 07849 657290, e-mail: bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com Additional information can be found on our website: bearhugsnursery.com or Facebook: @bearhugsnurseryaddlestone