

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had an enjoyable festive break. We would like to welcome our new children and families that have joined us.

This half term will be a busy one with themes based around children's choice and celebrations. We will be discovering many different topics in each of the rooms, please look at the sharing activity sheets in the foyer for details of what



your child will be learning about.

Nursery news

This term we will be joined by 2 new staff, Bernadette and Tracy. Bernadette will be working mainly in the pre-school room and Tracy will be in the Caterpillar room. Amelia will be moving over from the Caterpillar room to the Bumblebee room to work with Sara and Melissa. Melissa will also be in the Ladybird room with Sharon and Jacey. Sally will also be back to the Caterpillar room.

Room staff

Bumblebee	Ladybird	Caterpillar	Butterfly
Sara	Sharon	Sally	Hannah
Amelia	Melissa	Tracy	Jane
Melissa	Jacey	Amy	Amy
			Elaine
			Erika

A new photo board displaying up to date photos of the staff is on display in the main foyer please do familiarise yourself with the photos.



Weather/spare clothes

Please ensure your child has a hat, warm coat and a pair of wellie boots with them at nursery. If you could also make sure your child has a spare change of clothing in their bag, in the event they need changing as a result of messy activities.



<u>Illness</u>

Please remember if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea they may only return to nursery after 48 hours clear from the last episode.

Please note that non prescribed medicine including Calpol, Paracetamol, Asprin cold and cough remedies and other similar medicines which reduce pain and high temperatures in children are not to be given at nursery unless pre scribed for a long term medical needs. If a child is still requiring this type of medication to help them over a short term illness then nursery will presume the child is not yet well enough to return to nursery.

Absent from nursery

If your child is absent from nursery for sickness or holiday ect. please can I ask that you call and let the nursery know and give your reason for absence.



Grapes

Many of you will have seen the news advising parents and nursery's about giving whole grapes to children. Please can we ask, regardless of whether your child eats whole grapes at home, we would like them to be cut up length ways whilst attending nursery. If you child has them in your lunch box whole they will be cut up by the staff to avoid risk of choking.

Holiday Club

Holiday club will be open from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February, please book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Staffing for holiday club will be put in place after Friday 15th January, therefore please get you forms in prior to the 15th January. The forms are located in the main outside foyer.



Fee's

All fee's are due 2 weeks after the invoice date (4th January), to avoid late payment charges, unless approved arrangements have been made with the manager (Anne). If you are paying by childcare vouchers please ensure that they are paid regularly as agreed to avoid charges.

Term dates

Spring Term (1st Half)

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2016 (6 weeks)

Holiday Club

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2016 (1 week)

Spring Term (2nd Half)

Monday 22 February - Thursday 24th March 2016 (4 weeks and 4 days)

Bank Holidays Friday 25th and Monday 28th March - Nursery will be CLOSED

Easter Holiday Club opening days

Tuesday 29th March - 1st April and Monday 4th April - 8th April

I look forward to hearing all about the festive break over the next weeks.

If you wish to get in touch with us the nursery telephone number is 01763 260964.

Alternatively you can email me on lh-melbourn@btconnect.com.

Regards Anne