

# Earlybirds Newsletter

February 2019



## News from the Earlybirds Team

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term and welcome to our new families.

We have recently introduced a system of anti-bac/handwashing on arrival into Earlybirds as we have children with life-threatening allergies to certain foods, particularly dairy products. These allergies can be triggered not only by the children in question eating the trigger foods, but coming into contact with them.

By introducing this system, we can ensure all children arriving in setting do not have any food residues or proteins on their hands from breakfast that may trigger an allergic reaction. These cannot be seen by the naked eye. Children will also wash their hands before and after snack and lunch as they usually do. This procedure has the added benefit of promoting good hygiene. If you do not want your child to use anti-bac on arrival, please let the staff know and take them to the toilets and help them wash their hands. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping make our setting safe and inclusive for children with life threatening allergies.

Thank you to those who have returned your pancake breakfast letter. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday morning.

Just a reminder that next week is our Book Week and children are welcome to dress up as a book character during the week. Children can dress up on any day they attend. The author Zehra Hicks will be visiting Earlybirds and Newtown Soberton on Monday. She will be reading us a story and we hope the children will really enjoy it.

Finally, if you are due a bill for this half term and have not yet received it, please bear with us. Due to staff sickness there has been a delay in generating these and they will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your patience.

### Staff Members

Lucy Chambers – Leader and Safeguarding Lead

Marina Moro – Deputy Leader and Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Anne Slade - SENCo and Pre School Assistant

Jane Waller - Pre School Assistant

Sarah-Jane Clark – Pre School Assistant

Ailsa Duckworth - Administrator

### Reminder

Please remember to close and bolt the gate that leads onto the main road.

Please do not park in the layby or on the zigzag lines at any time.

We are a NUT FREE pre-school.

### Individual Photos

The photographer will be in setting on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> March to take individual photos of the children. We will let you know of the exact time shortly.

### Session availability

If you would like to increase your child's sessions, we have limited availability for certain sessions. Please speak to a member of staff.

### Bonnet Parade

Our annual bonnet parade will be held in conjunction with Newtown Soberton at 9.15am on the last day of term (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April) in the infant school playground (weather permitting). We are inviting all parents to make a bonnet with their child which they can wear which is why we are giving you plenty of notice for this event. All children are invited to attend. Please be aware that if it is not your child's usual day in setting, they will need to be accompanied by an adult.

### Key Dates

#### Spring Term 2019

- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

#### Summer Term 2019

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February HALF TERM**
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Book Week as part of World Book Day celebrations – dress as a book character this week
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 – 9.00am: Pancake Day Breakfast – please see the separate letter sent this week
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April: Stay and Play (Mothering Sunday themed)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am: Easter Bonnet Parade with Newtown Soberton Infant School
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 3pm: Spring Term finishes
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April EASTER BREAK**