

# Earlybirds Newsletter

October 2018



## News from the Earlybirds Team

It has been a busy start to the year in Earlybirds and we are delighted to welcome a number of new families into the setting. The children have settled well and are enjoying our themes and experiences.

We are pleased to confirm that our planned forest trip for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October will go ahead, weather permitting. If it is raining, we will reschedule and will send an email informing parents of this. If you are in any doubt on the morning, please contact us to check.

Thank you to those parents who have paid any outstanding bills, including those for Autumn 1. Our new administrator Mrs Duckworth is settling in well and we will shortly be sending the billing for autumn 2 to include any retrospective adjustments to autumn 1 such as additional hours taken.

We are in the process of recruiting for an additional member of staff, initials a week and will update you regarding this in the near future. We are also looking to recruit a member of staff as a 1:1 support for a child in setting, so if you are interested in this role or know of anyone who might be, please speak to Mrs Chambers or email us to request an application pack. A childcare qualification or prior experience working with children would be helpful but not essential for this role.

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 6.30-7.30pm we are holding a parent information evening for parents who are new to the setting or who were unable to attend last year's information evening. As part of this event, we will be sharing our ethos and values and will explain more about the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and how children are assessed and supported to develop, as well as providing guidance on how you can support your child at home. We hope it will be a useful and informative evening with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there! To help us plan for the event, please let us know by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October if you plan to attend.

### 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

### 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.

### Open morning

This year we will be holding two open mornings for prospective parents on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. If you know of anyone who has a child who is pre-school age, please ask them to call us and book a guided tour slot.

### Session availability

We still have availability for some sessions over the coming half term so if you are interested in increasing your child's hours, please speak to a member of staff.

If you would like to increase your child's sessions in the Spring Term, please look out for a letter regarding this towards the end of the autumn term.

### Reminders

Now the weather is changing, children will need a named coat in setting to enable them to access the outdoors in colder weather. Please also provide a pair of named wellies as children will need these when playing with the water or in the mud kitchen. Finally, please help us by ensuring all your child's belongings are named.

### Key Dates

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**

#### **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**

Staff training INSET dates (pre-school closed):

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

Wednesday 10th October

- **Open morning for prospective parents September 2019**

Thursday 11th October

- **Forest Trip (weather permitting)**

Tuesday 16th October 6.30 – 7.30pm

- **Parent Information Evening**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM**