



Birchfield Nursery School

Newsletter March 2017

Staffing News

We are pleased to announce that Miss Millington has had a beautiful baby girl Ella Grace who weighed 8lb and was born on Thursday 2nd March; mum and baby are both doing well.

Mrs Millington has started her treatment for breast cancer, we are keeping in touch but it will be some time before she is able to return to nursery.

Mrs Patrick has had an extended period of illness but hopes to be joining us again soon. Mrs Hinde has become part of our team and is looking after the squirrel group full time until Mrs Patrick returns. Mrs Hind is **then going to work afternoons at Birchfield.**

Friday 31st March School Closes for Easter Holidays

For morning children the doors will open at 10.45 am – 11.00am

Afternoon children the doors will open at 2.45 pm – 3.00pm

Nursery re-opens on Tuesday 18th April at the usual times

Room changes in April

Our environment at Birchfield is an exciting but large one and to ensure that all children have equal access throughout the year we change keyworker rooms. From April you will drop off and pick up your child from the following rooms

Ducks: Room 2

Badgers: Room 3

Squirrels: Room 1

Hedgehogs: Room 4

Rabbits: Room 5

Coats remain in the same cloakrooms as they are now.

Read, Write, Inc.

After our Easter holiday we will be using the phonic scheme Read, Write, Inc. to introduce the children to initial phonics. We are putting on an information evening on **Thursday 20th April at 6pm** if you would like to come along and find out more so you can support your child at home.

Tempest Photography



The school photographer will be coming on Thursday 27th April 2017 for morning and afternoon children.

Please bring your child at the usual time, and if you wish to have photographs with younger brother and sisters for a family group please let us know. This may be a busy session so please be patient.

We will not have messy activities our on the day so you can send them in the clothing you prefer.

There is no obligation to buy and you will be shown a proof before you decide.

Safeguarding- Children's Toilets.

We would like to ask parents to encourage the children to use toilets on their own and for parents to wait outside; we have noticed that parents are in the toilets with their child during session times when other children are using the toilets un-escorted by their parents or a member of staff. For each child's privacy and respect and as part of our safeguarding procedures we ask that you wait for your child in the corridor. This also encourages independence and self-help as the children will access the toilets themselves during the sessions.

Thank you for your support with this.

Sock Shortage

We are really struggling to make sure that children are able to have dry socks if their feet get wet outdoors. A number of bags do not have socks in them, please put in a couple of pairs in your child's bag and if you have any nursery socks at home please could you return them.



Safe Footwear

We are developing many more learning opportunities for the children outdoors over the next few weeks as the weather improves. Please make sure that your child has suitable shoes/trainers for playing outdoors, on bikes, running around, climbing, throwing and catching balls, playing parachute games and lots of other things. Flimsy sandals and thin back pumps don't protect the child's foot very well, stronger shoes or trainers are best to play in at nursery.



Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

We have a collection box in school near the office if you would like to donate to the daffodil appeal.

Car Park

Reminder to all parents that unless you have a disabled badge or have prior permission to use the staff car park, it is not available for general use.

Coffee Mornings/Afternoons

We are inviting parents/carers from each key carer group into school to look at their child's learning journey and have a quick informal chat with their child's key carer. We have allocated days for each group, please speak to your key carer if you can't make it and they will try to arrange an alternative day with you.

Morning drop in is 10.45am and afternoon is 2.45pm

Monday 15th May – Duck groups

Tuesday 16th May – Badger groups

Wednesdays 17th May – Squirrel group

Thursday 18th May-Hedgehogs group

Friday 19th May- Rabbit groups

We hope you all have a Happy Easter.

Best Wishes
Lindsey Weedall
Head Teacher

