

Birchfield Nursery School

Newsletter May 2017

Sun Protection Policy

Our sun protection policy has been developed with the help of key advisers from Public Health, Health and Safety and Head Teachers in order to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong between April and September and can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us which is why we have decided to:

- Talk to the children about sun safety and how to look after themselves
- Encourage them to use the shade in the playground, under trees, the garden room, under the canopy, under shelters/sheds and in the tent
- Encourage all children to wear hats when outside
- Encourage the children to drink water during their session at nursery
- Rotate children from indoors to outdoors if the day is especially hot so they are not outside for too long
- Maintain a supply of sunscreen for emergency use (Factor 50+ and suitable for children and sensitive skin).



How you can help

- Put sun cream on your child before they come to nursery (staff cannot put cream onto your child for you they can only supervise)
- Ensure your child has fresh water in their water bottle each day, they are not allowed to bring in juice as this can be extremely harmful to their teeth if they keep sipping it during the nursery session (This is part of our Healthy School award)
- Send in a sunhat for your child in their bag with their name on it
- Put them in cotton clothes, T shirts that cover their skin, shoulders, back, arms

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk



Between 8 and 14 May 2017, children around the UK will be going on a Peppa Pig walk to raise money for Save the Children. By collecting donations for their walk, they will help save lives, and give children in some of the world's poorest countries the chance to learn, play and grow up healthy and happy.

At Birchfield Nursery we have decided to set up a challenge! A multi-sensory challenge walk for our children during the session, this will include mud, paint, bumpy things, soft things around the outside play area. The children try to do the route in their bare feet they will be able to wash their feet at the end of the session. We will have a collection bucket in nursery on the day for you to support them by donating to Save the Children.

Coffee Morning/Afternoons - Information about Federation Proposal

Our Coffee morning/afternoons will take place week beginning 15th May 2017. This will give you chance to meet other parents, chat to the key carer informally and have a look at your child's learning journey book.

We will also be asking all parents to consider a proposal to move to a federated model of nursery schools in Halton, the consultation paperwork will be given out Monday 15th May and we have also planned a meeting on **Tuesday 16th May 4.30-5.30pm** for interested parties including parents to come in and discuss the proposal and give feedback to the governing body.

Morning sessions will start at 10.30am, afternoons will start at 2.30pm

The first 10 mins of the coffee session Mrs Weedall will pop in and have a chat with parents about the federation proposal and receive any feedback.

Monday 15 th May	Ducks
Tuesday 16 th May	Badgers
Wednesday 17 th May	Squirrels
Thursday 18 th May	Hedgehogs
Friday 19 th May	Rabbits

Parking – Afternoon Sessions

Unfortunately we are having to close the school gates for the afternoon session as many parents are driving into the school playground in a dangerous manner, we have had reports of near misses with children and cars.

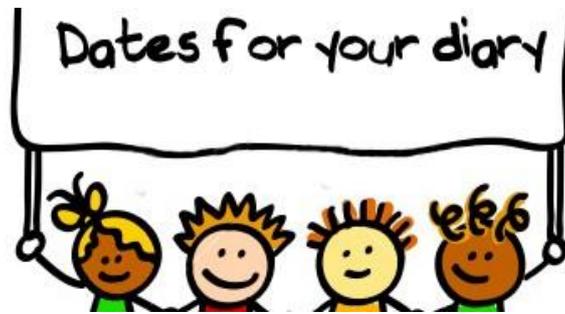
Please make sure you do not drive across the entrance to our school when it is dropping off or collecting times. This puts our children in danger.

The only exemption to this is anyone with a disabled badge, we do have a number of children with disabilities and adult carers who need to park close to collect. There have been many occasions when other cars have used the disabled space and families with blue badges have had to park at the far end of the car park, this is not acceptable.

Staffing News

Mrs Jane Hinde is now the key carer for the afternoon rabbit group, the new children have settled into nursery really well and are having lots of fun.

Mrs Vicky Brown has joined the team and is also helping us on occasions when we have staff off or on training.



Dates for the Summer Term

Thursday 4 th May 6.30pm	Childminder evening – working in partnership
Thursday 11 th May	Peppa Pig's Muddy puddle walk. Donations to Save the Children.
Week beginning 15 th May 2017	Coffee mornings/Afternoons
Tuesday 16 th May	4.30-5.30pm – Federation open meeting to discuss and give feedback on consultation.
Friday 26 th May	School closes for Half term holiday – Usual time
Monday 5 th June Tuesday 6 th June	School closed for children – Staff INSET days
Wednesday 7 th May	School opens – Usual time
Wednesday 14 th June	6.30pm meeting for new children in Sept 2017
Thursday 15 th June	6.30pm Parent meeting for returners and 30 hour children in Sept 2017.
Friday 7 th July	75 th Birthday celebration Birchfield Nursery. (1940's dress and tea party) Further details to follow
Tuesday 11 th July	Sponsored bounce day to raise money for school fund.
Tuesday 11 th July	Family open Evening to come and see what your child has been doing at Birchfield Nursery and celebrate their learning. (All children welcome to show around their grown-ups)
Monday 17 th July	The Music Man comes to Birchfield Nursery
Friday 21 st July	Leavers assembly 10.30am for morning children 12.45pm for afternoon children. Only 2 seats per family due to space.
Tuesday 25 th July	Teddy Bears Picnic. (Children bring small packed lunch and a bear!)
Wednesday 26 th July	Wheeler day – children can come on or bring a wheeled toy. School closes early for the last day of term. <u>Doors close at 11am for morning children and 3pm for afternoon children</u>

Memories of Birchfield

In July we will be celebrating 75 years of Birchfield Nursery school, we are planning a special day with the children in 1940's style as the school opened in 1942. We would love to be able to put up some memorabilia of the school over the years and are asking if you or anyone you know has been to Birchfield or been a staff member please could you put down in writing any of your memories. We would also be happy to copy any old photos of the nursery you may have so the children can see what it was like. We will be inviting parents along to our special event in the summer.

Best Wishes

Lindsey Weedall
Headteacher