



HAS SPRING SPRUNG?

Whatever the weather, sun, rain, snow, wind or hail we are always looking to be outside but we are finding preparing children for outside play sometimes difficult. We have sent children home in wellie boots, a change of clothes and they are not being returned. Therefore we are limited on sizes of clothes and wellies that we can use from our stock.

We do not wish to limit the children's play but we are getting very close to doing so. So please return any clothes borrowed and if you have any old clothes fit for our age range then we would gladly accept them into our stock. This will help us support the children who need changing through messy play, water play or toileting accidents.



With the good weather we are going to get (according to the weather man)! but really we are not guaranteeing what they say, we need your help in providing changes of clothes, coats, gloves, wellie boots and hats. This time of year will see some extra walks as now is the time that the children will notice to changes in the ponds, woods and streams and now becomes a good educational tool for the children to learn about growing and changes in the environment around themselves.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

Did you get a new phone for Christmas ? Did you give that number to pre-school? Have you moved house lately? Have you given pre-school your new address? We know that we might be last on the list to to be informed of changes to addresses and phones numbers but please keep us informed as when we need to get hold of you because your child is ill. Wrong numbers means contacting other contacts before you know and we would always want you to know first.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Last November we sent out letters to everyone asking for places for September as we don't want our current families missing out. We are chasing the last families because the numbers for September looks very healthy and spaces are extremely limited on some days. So please if you get a letter asking for hours in September return it quickly as we do not want to disappoint any of you before we start allocating new children into the remaining slots available.

EXTENDED HOURS

Since we returned in January after the Christmas break we have extended our hours to include an 8am start and 5.30 finish. A few children are using this extra session (charged at current settings rates) and have enjoyed visits to the wooded area, cooking, climbing on the trim trail and endless hours of games, like twister, hungry hippos, dinosaur races and beetle drive. But we could do with more children using the service as sometimes the activities we do are better with more than one child. We have to remain sustainable.

DIARY DATES

Friday 27th March 5.30pm
Pre-school closes for Easter

Monday 13th April 8am
Pre-school opens again.

Monday 4th May Pre-school
closed bank holiday

22nd May 5.30pm Pre-school
closed for Whitsun

Monday 1st June 8am Pre-school
reopens.

Friday 17th July 5.30pm,
Pre-school closes for the Summer

ORGANISATION OF BAGS

Some times children seem to bring in big bags with everything bar the kitchen sink, along with coats, jumpers, jackets and waterproofs. Our coat pegs are light weight and some heavy bags pull the pegs off the wall.

Please place bags on the shelving under the pegs or on the floor, making sure the bags are named.

FEE PAYMENTS - CAN BE MADE EITHER CARD, CASH, BANK TRANSFER AND SOON PING IT

Changes

Over the last half term while the children were off playing, the fairies came in and made a few changes to the building.

The new office area has provided more privacy for personal chats and that time when parents need time out without being seen by everyone walking in the building. There is still an open door policy so you are always welcome to come and say hello.

The staff area has been made more cosy, with extra shelving and this also allows a great choice of toys and equipment for the children.

The small group area, this has more shelving and a more open feel. There is still work being done in this area to brighten it up but over time we will see more changes here.

Because these three areas are more in a line across the room we have opened up the entrance area making it seem bigger, this also allows tables to be used for group games and puzzles instead of spreading across the floor, making walking through the building a trip zone.

Also our clevercloggs@talktalkbusiness email is closing in April and from then you can use clevercloggsiow821557@btconnect.com or clevercloggsiow@aol.com to email us.

Funding

It is the local Authorities guidelines that once a child is given funding and the setting claims that funding for the term there should be no changes made. Any additional hours may be added at half term if there were places otherwise no changes can take place mid term.

When parents sign the forms to say we can claim the funding, you are also agreeing that we claim the amount of funding for the term, any family wishing to move settings must inform the setting before approaching another setting, they may also be told they cannot move the funding in the local authority disagrees with the reasons for moving. In exceptional circumstances funding can be moved. So until agreement has been received you will be liable to pay any fees incurred at the new setting and the old setting if you have hours above your funded entitlement.

WOW

We like to share wow moments with everyone and would like you to help us fill our tree with WOW leave or flower blossom.

Every time you tell us something good that your child has accomplished we will put a leaf on the WOW tree, there are leaves there for you too to write some special moments that you would like to share with us.

Daily things to remember

1. Please name everything before bringing it to pre-school.
2. Leave coins and toys at home, as when children bring them in disagreements happen and some toys have been broken.
3. Remember to bring coats, jumpers, hats, scarfs water proofs and wellies depending on what is needed for the weather that day?
4. A change of clothes for messy play and toileting accidents, please bring in baby wipes too, if still in nappies.

Going to School in September 2015.

Soon you will hear which school your child has been allocated for September 15. Please when you know, tell your child's keyperson. We can then start contacting the school after Easter to start the transition process and to let the schools know which pre-schools their children will be coming from. Thank you