

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly some great news.....we now have our own website [www.bridgewaterchildcare.co.uk](http://www.bridgewaterchildcare.co.uk) As we go through the year we will update this with events, photos and news. You can also access important date information, policies and other information. Please visit the site and give us some feedback on what you think, all suggestions welcome.

**Parent Workshops** - We will be holding a number of parent workshops over the coming months. It would be fantastic to see you. Places are limited so please book in with reception if you are able to come. Our first date will be **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 4.30 to 5.30pm** in our Project Room. You will be able to sample the delights of Junk Modelling and learn how to creatively re-cycle! We will provide information on how your children learn through this process and tips for encouraging this learning at home.

**Looking at our learning** – Across the nursery we will be focussing on different areas of learning. For **Valentine's Day**, we will look at making friends and building relationships with our peers in nursery. **Chinese New Year** supports us in learning about other people and communities. We can explore different foods, languages and customs. On **Pancake Day** we learn about numbers and measures by making our own pancakes, and develop our physical skills by balancing and running with our pancakes in the garden!

We love **World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** when we can dress up as a character from a story book and share our favourite stories. And finally, we will be either making our **Faces Funny for Money**, or dressing up in something **RED for Red Nose Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

We hope very much that you will support your child in being involved in these activities.

**Requests from staff** - Can parents make sure children have changes of clothes, nappies and wipes in their bags. We are going through a lot of nursery nappies at the moment, and they are only supposed to be used in emergencies, please check there is enough for each day, thank you!

Please check children's bags for additional items such as food, sweets or medicines. There is an increasing amount of these sorts of items being found. I know that the bags will be used at weekends and will have bits and pieces put in for use at home, but we need to be very careful about what children can access in the Centre. If you could please check before bringing the bags in that would be really helpful. Thank you!

**Door safety** – when dropping off or collecting your child, please be mindful of other children in the nursery. Children may try to sneak through an open door if they see the opportunity!

I am going to be off site for a couple of weeks starting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Charlotte Weech our Deputy Manager or Karen Morgan, Centre Manager. Many thanks,

Kate.

**Childcare places available!** A lot of people are unaware that you don't have to be a member of staff or College student to use the Childcare Centre. We are taking bookings for new children to start in September, if you know anyone looking for Childcare please pick up an application form for them from reception. We also have some spaces available for an immediate start.



**We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers...**

**Please help us to collect as many as possible! Our collection box can be found in the lobby area or please hand them to reception.**

**Bookings** - If you are planning on changing your child's booking pattern please can you give us as much notice as possible? This will enable us to plan for the change of hours.

**School leavers** – if your child is going to school in September 2015 please check with reception to confirm your child's expected leave date.

**Student places** – please confirm with reception if you will still require a childcare place in September.

**Wednesday 25th February** from 4:30pm to 5:30pm – Parent Workshop - Junk modelling – learn how to creatively recycle!

**Thursday 5th March** is World Book Day. We are asking children to come in dressed up as a book character.

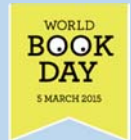
More information about World Book Day can be found on [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

**Friday 13th March** is Red Nose Day. We will be fundraising – details to follow.

**Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April** are Easter Bank Holidays, we are closed on these days.

**Monday 13th April** please be aware we will be closed for staff training.

**Thursday 23rd April** at 10:30 to 11.30 – Parent Workshop - Clay Workshop - learn about the creative and therapeutic properties of playing with clay!



**For our term time children:**

February half term is Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Easter holidays are Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

May half term is Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Summer holidays are Tuesday 21st July – Monday 31st August

If you would like to book in additional hours during the holidays please see reception. We also run a holiday playscheme for school aged children up to the age of 8.

**If your Child is absent from nursery please let us know by calling 01278 441270 or email [childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk](mailto:childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk)**

**Please remember that our sickness policy states that all children must be excluded from nursery for 48 hours after symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea**

**Lambing**  
Sunday 8 March  
11am - 4pm  
Rodway Farm, Cannington

*Fun Day*

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