

We hope you can join us for our next Stay & Play session for our 2-3's and 3-4's areas, our **Easter Extravaganza on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am**

Come and join us for lots of fun Easter and spring themed activities with your child.



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

Please help us to collect as many as possible! Our collection box is in the reception area.



### Nursery Sun Cream

In the past we have asked that all parents purchase a bottle of sun cream for their child to keep in the Centre. This year we are going to add a £1.50 charge to the May invoices and we will provide sun cream.

If you do not wish to pay this or your child has sensitive skin and requires a specific brand of sun cream you will still need to bring a bottle in for them.

Please advise us before 10<sup>th</sup> April.

We also ask that on sunny days sun cream is applied before your child attends the Centre.

### Clothing & Essentials

Children need to come to nursery with a spare set of clothes, enough nappies and baby wipes (if needed) or spare underwear in case of accidents!

## Important Dates 2017

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Red Nose Day** - we will be having a Cake Sale and come to Nursery wearing something **RED!**

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Extravaganza Stay & Play 9.30-10.30am

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

REAL Workshop 9.30am-2.30pm

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holidays

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Closed for staff training

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Lending Library 9.30am-2.30pm

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

School Readiness Workshop 9.30am-2.30pm

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Forest School Den Building Stay & Play 9.30-11.30am

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Leavers Photos – Morning

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

REAL Workshop 9.30am-2.30pm

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

May Half Term

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Closed for staff training

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Closed for summer works



### World Book Day

We had lots of fun on World Book Day, the children and staff dressed up in lots of fantastic costumes!

Every Thursday morning since February half term Premier Sport have been working with the Children in the 3-4 area. This will continue until the Easter holidays, then the sessions will be Tuesday afternoons.

The programme they are delivering to the children is the fundamental movement ideas linked with the British Gymnastics. Each week the sessions will be based on themes from weather to healthy eating; providing opportunities for each child to access and enjoy using different pieces of equipment which prepares them for participation in sports.

In the summer we are holding a sports session for family members to attend, look out for more information to come.



### Child Car Seats

On 1 March 2017 the law on booster seats for children changed. Under the new regulations only children measuring more than 125cm and weighing more than 22kg will be able to travel in a car on a backless booster cushion. This is because a backless car seat offers much less protection in the event of a collision. Children must be in an appropriate child car seat until they are either 135cm in height or 12 years old. After this they must then use an adult seatbelt according to the new rules.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-booster-seat>

Also please remember that it is a criminal offence to leave a child in a car seat unattended. If you are concerned a child has been left alone in a car please call NSPCC for advice.



It has been spy week in the 3-4 area, we have been pretending to be a spy, we used clues to find objects, made a secret pass and completed a 'mission impossible' obstacle course!

Contact us: Tel: 01278 441270 (8am -5.30pm Mon-Fri) E-mail: [childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk](mailto:childcare@bridgwater.ac.uk)



## 30 Hours Childcare

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. If you haven't returned yours yet please remember to return it as soon as possible. We will be offering all of our current families additional hours before we offer funded places to any new children, we will send out further information about this shortly.

For more information about '30 hours funded childcare' or 'tax free childcare' please visit:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/early-years-for-families/30-hours-of-funded-childcare/>

## 2 Year Funding

Families who receive any of the following are entitled to funding for 2 year olds:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190

You can apply online here:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/funding-for-2-year-olds/>

**Charlotte** the Centre Manager will be back from maternity leave from 3<sup>rd</sup> April. If you have any concerns or worries please let her know, we have an open door policy.



## Help with the cost of childcare

There are lots of ways you can get help with the cost of childcare, have a look at:

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>



In Forest School we have been using the hammock for the first time this year; the children love lying in it and looking at the sky and trees. We have been exploring shelters and building dens. We have a resident robin bird who comes to café, the children sprinkle biscuits for him and are delighted when he comes very close to peck at the crumbs.

Please inform us of any **changes** to home or any other circumstances to do with your child. Including contact numbers and address changes.

The Oral Health Team came in to look at our older children's teeth and add fluoride to help strengthen the enamel. The children were very well behaved and came away with lovely shiny smiles.



We are delighted to announce that in summer 2017 we are redecorating the nursery. To enable this to happen we will be closed from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however, we are looking forward to refreshing the learning environment for all children that attend. If you have any comments / suggestions as to areas we can improve during this week please let us know.

Listening to Sarah the College Chaplin, talking about fair trade and where bananas come from. She talked about trees and recognising animals that live in the rainforest. She brought in some Fairtrade foods for us to try, we were also looking at symbols for Fairtrade.



### Absence & Sickness

If your child is ill or is going to be absent from Nursery for whatever reason, please can you ring in or email by gam if possible. **Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before coming back to nursery.**

If they are unwell and require Calpol, they are too ill to be in nursery, please keep them at home. This is to prevent the spread of the illness.

The 0-2 room have been focusing on literacy and language development. We have been reading Julia Donaldson books and Thomas the Tank Engine books.

The younger babies have been doing lots of singing with puppets, props and interactive books. Lots of the children have enjoyed accessing resources from the lending library – especially the small world vehicles and people.

Babies have also introduced 'wake and shake' to our routine – this involves waking up the body for the day through various movements along with music. Whilst our younger children are having small group sessions exploring the sensory room and treasure baskets.

We all enjoyed the spring weather having our first café outside!



It is everyone's responsibility, to care for children if you ever have any concerns about a child who you know you can speak to Caren / Charlotte - Safeguarding Lead or telephone **NSPCC 0808 800 5000**.

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