



Busy Bees Nursery Alton Ltd

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Busy Bees Newsletter 4 – Spring Term 2017

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We hope you had a lovely break.

We would like to welcome our new children and their parents. We hope you will be very happy during your time with us.

If you have any queries, concerns or need information about anything during the course of the term, please speak to one of us or your child's Key Person.

Janet & Alison



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016 - 2017

Parent Consultations:	week of 20 th March
Easter Holidays:	Break up Friday 7 th April
Easter Bonnet Parade:	Friday 7 th April, 11.30
Summer term starts:	Monday 24 th April
Summer Half term	Break up Friday 26 th May Return Monday 5 th June
Summer Concert:	Friday 14 th July, 11.15
Leavers Party:	Friday 21 st July, 12.30
Parent Consultations:	Monday 3 rd July to Thursday 13 th July
Summer Holidays:	Break up Friday 21 st July

30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

We are in the process of issuing a questionnaire to collect information about demand for these extra hours which are due to come into effect in September 2017. If you haven't done so already, please complete and return it by Wednesday 15th March.

MEET THE TEAM

Please see the Photo Name Board in the foyer so that you can 'put names to faces,' especially if you are new to Busy Bees. Below is a rundown of who's who and what they do at Busy Bees:

Joint-Owner, Nursery Manager & Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)	Janet Duddridge
Joint-Owner & Administration Manager	Alison Stickland
Room Supervisor, SENCo & Parent Partner <i>Key Person - Purple Class</i>	Rowena Massey
<i>Key Person - Orange Class</i>	Lynne Funnell
<i>Key Person Yellow Class</i>	Angela Maton
<i>Key Person - Red Class</i>	Sam Grace
Bank Staff	Averil Mangan

EASTER HAT PARADE

We would like to invite you to our Easter Hat Parade on Friday 7 April at 11.30am. The idea is that the children will make hats at home and come and show them off on the day and that you will join us to cheer them on.



The Busy Bees Café will be open afterwards too offering refreshments and the chance to sit and chat. We will also make hats during the week. The invitation is open to all children even if they are not usually in on a Thursday morning.

We hope you can join us for this fun start to the holidays.

FRENCH

The children are enjoying their French session with Sarah on a Thursday morning and particularly the songs that she sings with them. We have been asked if we could share the songs with parents so that they can understand what the children are singing. With this in mind we have attached a sheet with the children's favourite song "Savez-vous planter les choux" ("Do you know how to plant cabbages"). This is very much an action song and Sarah also uses props to encourage the children to join in. We hope you enjoy it.



SESSION CHANGES

If you would like extra sessions after Easter then please let Janet know using the slip attached. We currently have availability in most sessions but Thursdays are full. We are also having lots of visitors so if you want to add sessions please return the form to Janet as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

CHILDREN'S BAGS

Please could we ask that the items in your child's bag are only those that may be needed during the session. The bags are accessible to the children throughout the session as we encourage their independence in finding their own clothes etc.

We would also ask that there are **no medication/creams or ointments of any kind** kept in their bag. These should always be passed to a member of staff for safe storage (*this includes calpol and anti-histamine medicines*).

If you need to bring anything other than your child's items into nursery then please speak to a member of staff and we will store it somewhere out of the children's reach.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsburys Active Kids is back! Please collect the vouchers available from Sainsburys until 2nd May and bring them in so that we can exchange them for new resources and equipment.



Please ask relatives and friends to donate their vouchers too! Bring them into Busy Bees and place them in the box which will be in the main room in the morning and in the foyer at other times.

This year the vouchers are a combination of those being printed at the tills with other coupons, as well as the pre-printed ones used previously so please try to save them and bring them in to us.

ONE-OFF EXTRA SESSIONS

Providing we have space, we are happy to offer you the chance to book one-off sessions or maybe just an extra hour or two as and when you need them. We are not able to claim funding for extra hours you might book, so the normal hourly rate of £5.50 per hour applies.

We offer this on a first come, first served basis and if we take bookings for regular sessions these would be honoured first. To book a session/extra hours, please ask Janet.

ALLERGIES

If your child's allergy or medication has changed please put details in writing to Janet. Please also see information on our General Information Sheet. Please ask if you need another copy of this.

STAY AND PLAY

Please feel free to stay and play if you would like to. It is an opportunity to see what we do and how your child is getting on. Please speak to Janet or Rowena to book a session.

ABSENCE FROM BUSY BEES

If your child is absent from Busy Bees for any reason, please let us know, either by phone, e-mail or text (contact details are at the end of this letter).

We are advised to follow up any unexplained absences, as part of recommended safeguarding procedures, so your help in this will be much appreciated.

NAMING SNACKS AND DRINKS

Please remember that all snacks and drinks brought to Busy Bees should be named so that we can be certain of who they belong to. If you need a sticky label when you arrive in the morning, please ask a member of staff.



REMINDER - STARTING SCHOOL

If your child is 4 years old between 1st September 2016 & 31st August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2017.

The deadline for applications has now passed but if you missed the deadline or have any questions about the process, then please talk to Janet and she will try to help.

CONTACT DETAILS

SCHOOL HOURS

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OUT OF HOURS

If you need to contact Janet or Alison out of nursery hours, our details are:

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