



April 2017 Newsletter

We would like to start by saying thank you for your support for our Easter Bingo and Raffle. The bingo was a huge success. Thank you to those of you who took the time to come on the night. Also a big thank you to Sarah who organised the bingo and to Louise from Manor Farm Bar and Takeaway that very kindly donated the venue and bingo cards for us on the night. We still have a few squares left for the raffle, please could we ask you all to dig deep and buy a square for £2 for a chance to win our chocolate hamper. Could you also spread the word with your family and friends. The raffle will be drawn once all of the squares have been sold.

Whilst on the subject of Easter, we will be closed on Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April. The start of the summer term for the term time only children will be Tuesday 18th April to Friday 21st July. The children who are all year round funding will run until the 31st August. We will be closed 24th - 28th July for the week.

For those of you who have children leaving us to move onto school in September, please could you let us have your child's leaving date as soon as you can so we can plan our registers for the summer. If you have a child turning 2 or 3 and would like to book extra sessions for September please could you let us know this in writing as soon as possible please as we are taking books already.

We are still waiting to hear from the local authority regarding how the new 30 hour entitlement will be delivered. As soon as we know we will inform you as to how we, as a setting, will offer this to those children who will be eligible.

Can we remind you of our payment terms. Invoices are printed on the 15th of the month to be paid by 1st of the month. Thank you to those of you that pay on time. We do seem to have a few late payments arriving. As you can imagine our overheads are very high so cash flow is crucial to us. As per our terms and conditions we will be issuing late payment fees to those invoices that are persistently paid late. If you are experiencing problems, please do speak to us.

Dawn will be finishing with us tomorrow, Wednesday 12th to start her maternity leave. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Dawn a well earned rest before baby arrives in late June.

We have a lady called Mel who will be joining us as bank staff; some of you may have already seen her. She has a wealth of experience in early years having previously worked as a childminder and in a day nursery.

As the sun starts to shine more, please could we ask you to apply sun cream to your children on a morning and sign our sun cream register to say it has been applied, thank you.

Once again please could we ask you to make sure you send your children into nursery with spare clothes.

Please could we remind you that if your child has a high temperature to NOT send them into nursery. A high temperature can mean the start of some sort of illness. As we are not medically trained we are not in a position to make a judgement as to whether a child with a temperature is fit to be in nursery. In the last month or so we have had two children that have been admitted to hospital after being sent home unwell, one presenting with a temperature, the other had no temperature but our vigilant staff realised the child was not themselves, within two hours of leaving the nursery this child was in an ambulance on its way to hospital. It is for this reason we have a policy in place to call you and ask you to collect your children if they seem unwell and/or have a temperature. We hope you understand our reasoning for this policy. Thankfully both children are now fit and well.