



Bell House Nursery  
Quality Childcare

## Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents,

The Autumnal nip is in the air and we are sure you are looking forward to all the up and coming events and celebrations to come.

### Staff News



As you may already know Chloe Lockwood has given birth to a beautiful baby girl called Isabelle and Jade and Holly are still sitting on their eggs waiting for them to hatch!

Welcome to.....Natalie as Room Leader and Alex as 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge in Butterflies.  
Christian as 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge and Naomi and Harrison in Bumblebees.

Jo as 2<sup>nd</sup> in charge and Debbie in Dragonflies and those of you that have recently joined the team.

### Online Profiles

Could we ask all parents to regularly look at their child's learning books and make comments and download pictures of what your little ones have been up to at home. This gives us an overall picture of what your child's interests are and what they have been up to over the weekend and at home.



## November Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Ladybirds Parents Evening
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Butterflies Parents Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Bumblebees Parents Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Dragonflies Parents Evening

## INSET DAY REMINDER Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Free Early Education for 2\*, 3 and 4 Year Olds

### Introduction of the 30 hours funding

The introduction of the extended 30 hours has been introduced as of September 2017. At Bell House we are piloting this scheme to offer the 30 hours funding to ALL eligible parents

Session	2 – 3 Years (FEET)	3 – 4 Years
Full Day 8-6	£0.00	£25.00
Ext Day 7.00-6.30 pm	N/A	£27.00
Half Day 8-1	£0.00	£17.50
1-6	£0.00	£17.50



Bell House Nursery  
Quality Childcare

Please note that children move from 2- 3 Years rate to 3 – 4 years rate the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday



### Autumn Harvest Festival Celebration at the Church

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10am we are holding a Church service to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

The Dragonflies have been practising their Harvest songs and we would love for **ALL children and parents** to come and have a sing along with them. Could we ask that you bring donations to the church so that we give them to our local Residential Home.

Could we ask ALL Dragonfly children to attend so that they can sing on mass!



### Happy Halloween Party

On Tuesday 31<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a party day for Halloween. The children and staff in on that day can dress up in a costume of their choice to enjoy a day of party games, dancing and lots of arts, crafts and messy activities; playing with pumpkin inners, spaghetti worms and so much more!

### Bonfire Night Sing Song

A sing along by the 'campfire' (not real!). Dress up nice and warm and have a warm drink by the fire after tea time. 4.30pm

### Children in Need 2016

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. When we have more information on this then we will update you. However, we will be having a week of fundraising, fun and games.



### Christmas

We are so excited for Christmas at Bell House and have lots of exciting things planned for the children (even if it is only just September).



Bell House Nursery  
Quality Childcare

## Christmas dates for the Diary



**Thursday 14th December 2017** - Christmas Jumper/ Party Day - The children and staff in on this day can wear their favourite festive jumper, enjoy a yummy Christmas Dinner and play lots of party games.

**Pre-school - Nativity Play - Tuesday 12th December 10am 2017  
and  
Bumblebee's Christmas sing song at the band stand 3pm**



### Christmas Opening Hours

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - **CLOSED**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - **CLOSED**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Normal hours  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Normal hours  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Normal hours  
Monday 1st January 2017 - **CLOSED**  
Tuesday 2nd January 2017 Normal Hours

## Reminders! (And information for new parents)

### What to bring to nursery

When bringing your child/ren to nursery, please ensure you bring the following with you in a named nursery bag (fabric please, not a carrier/plastic bag):

- ✓ Plenty of spare changes of clothes - more if your child is toilet/potty training, trousers, tops, pants, socks and shoes. Where possible please ensure they are named so as they do not go missing
- ✓ Coat/wellies/sun hat. I know the weather can change at the drop of a hat at this time of year but please ensure your children are dressed appropriately and ready for all weathers
- ✓ Any nappy cream other than Sudocrem that your child may need
- ✓ Any long term medication (that is not kept at nursery)



Bell House Nursery  
Quality Childcare

- ✓ Any special comforters your child may need; again please ensure these are named so as to avoid upset in the event it goes missing.

### Toys

We would kindly ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys in from home unless it is for a scheduled 'Show and Tell' session. It causes a great deal of upset and distress for the child if their toy becomes lost or broken. In addition, it can cause unnecessary ownership struggles.

In addition, please avoid dressing your child in costume jewellery and hair accessories which, if lost, would cause distress. Whilst we do our utmost to ensure that the children's possessions stay with them, small items can become easily mislaid!

### Contact Details

Can we please kindly ask parents that should you have any change of address or contact numbers that you keep us informed. It's important that we have up to date information for both parents/carers and emergency contacts in the event that we should need to contact you throughout the day.

Should you need to contact us at nursery, Clare/Annie or Sophie are always at the front desk to speak to, alternatively you can call us on 01483 425138 or email either [clare@bellhousenursery.co.uk](mailto:clare@bellhousenursery.co.uk) or [annie@bellhousenursery.co.uk](mailto:annie@bellhousenursery.co.uk)

### Invoices

Please be aware that invoices need to be settled by 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid a £5 per day late payment fee being added to your account. We also accept Childcare Vouchers as a form of payment, please speak to Clare or Annie for more information regarding these.

### Late Collection

We understand that sometimes public transport is unreliable and delays may happen but just a reminder that if you collect later than your session time, a late fee will be put onto your account. If you do think you are going to be late please give us a call as soon as you can to inform us. Please check on the front desk to ensure we have the correct up to date contact details and passwords for parents/carers and emergency contacts/people eligible to collect.

### Medication

If you have administered medication (including Calpol or Nurofen) before bringing your child into nursery, please do inform us upon arrival, as this ensures we are able to spot any adverse reactions should your child have one. Please also note that any children who are dependent on



Bell House Nursery  
Quality Childcare

fever reducing medication in order to stay at the nursery, should be kept at home. If your child has been given antibiotics prescribed by a Dr, please remember that they are required to stay at home for the first 24hrs whilst on the medication.

**Please don't forget that you can check out what the rooms have been doing each week by visiting our Weekly blog on our website**

**[www.bellhousenursery.co.uk](http://www.bellhousenursery.co.uk)**