



Bell House Nursery
Quality Childcare

Winter Term 2017

Dear Parents,

Well here we are with another year behind us and approaching our 5th Birthday in July! We will be planning a party to celebrate this so will send out information regarding this soon. A huge welcome to all our new 'recruits' and thank you to all our existing families for continuing to support us in keeping your children stimulated and happy.



Sparkles
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Making Noise with Nyssa is unfortunately not going to be running this term. Nyssa is very busy within her own room with her key children therefore we don't feel we give the children the best start with their music and movement in spreading her too thinly. We are currently looking for an outside music agency to come in and take over this for us, so will keep you updated on this.



We would like to thank you all for your patience as we have under gone quite a few changes in staff moving rooms over the last few months. The team are all doing really well in supporting the children with these changes and really enjoying getting to know all the new children and parents.



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Super Hero's and Princesses Fun Day

In aid of Tracy's last day here with us at Bell House we will be holding a princess and hero's day on the **3rd February** so please bring the children in dressed up if they fancy it! The staff will also be dressing up so we hope to see lots of fantastic costumes on the day!

Inset Day

As you are all aware we have our first inset day on Friday 17th February, we are planning lots of staff training on this day including Food Safety, Allergen training and Health and Safety in the work place as well as updating First Aid alongside Safe-guarding.

Parent Partnerships

Thank you for all your feedback from our questionnaire, we understand that you may not know exactly what activities are happening on a daily basis within the children's rooms so it is with this in mind that we would like to arrange some parents play and stay sessions, we will look at dates and come back to you with further information on these.

Reminders! (And information for new parents)

Personal Items

It would help us a great deal if you could ensure that your child has a bag at nursery every day containing a change of clothing which is the correct size and is appropriate for the time of year. Please **name/label** each item individually as clothing is sometimes taken from the bag by the child and cannot be identified later.

With the weather being very wet please can we ask that you bring your children in with some wellies and a water proof in order for them to still enjoy their garden play without spoiling their shoes and clothes.

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!



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Invoices

Please be aware that invoices need to be settled by 9th of the month in order to avoid a 10% late payment fee being added to your account. Unfortunately we are seeing an increase of outstanding invoices each month which then adds to the confusion the following month with brought forward balances. You should receive an invoice at the end of each month ready for the following months fees, you will then also receive a paper copy of these in your child's room. However please do ask the rooms for these if you don't get them as they do have a lot of information to feedback each day and so do occasionally forget to hand these out, which is why we make sure you receive them via email in advance.

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 for parents/carers and emergency contacts/people eligible to collect.

Medication

Can we please remind you that if you have administered medication (including Calpol or Nurofen) before bringing your child into nursery, please do inform us upon arrival. Please also note that any children who are dependent on 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 if they have never had it before.

If your child has a temperature of 38 degrees or above whilst at nursery we will contact you and administer Calpol, however if this temperature does not reduce within 30 minutes we will be asking you to collect your child and take them home, please do feel free to read our policy on Medication and Temperatures which is located in reception and also on the website.



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Website

www.bellhousenursery.co.uk

Please do take a look at our website, this will have the latest blogs of what the rooms have been up to each week and information on upcoming events. We will also be posting any important information if and when the need arises, for example in the eventuality of a snow closure, this will be highlighted on the front page of the website on the morning of the closure to let parents know.

Upcoming events

20th February we have our Duckling Eggs arriving so the pre-school children can watch them hatch into little baby ducklings, we are very excited about this, so please do feel free to pop in and have a peak,

Easter Party and Bonnet Parade

Thursday the 13th April we will be having an Easter party for the children, where they will once again be having an Easter bonnet parade, please can you help your children to make their own Easter bonnets to parade, the best homemade bonnet will receive a prize.

Can I please remind you that it is half term the week of 13th February so if your child is term time only they will be back in again on the 20th February.

We will be looking at revising our fees in April but will be in touch soon with further information on this for you, however as previously this increase is kept to the minimum.

Many thanks,

The Bell House Team



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