



Bell House Nursery Quality Childcare

Summer Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Well here we are with another year behind us and approaching our 4th Birthday in July! 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.

Staff News!

We have had some staff changes recently; as you may know and for those of you who haven't seen Jody Stewart around the nursery - she has come back to Bell House full time to run our ladybirds room, with Amy Jackson as our 2nd in charge.



We would like too welcome to Nyssa who has recently joined our Bell House Team; she will be based in the Butterfly room as our new 2nd in charge so please do pop in to say "Hi"! Jasmine has also joined this room as our new trainee and is very keen to get to know you and your children, as is Chloe Silvey who is based within our Bumble bee's room.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Sophie Etherington this month. She has decided to pursue a career in Nannyng and we wish her all the best for the future.

Another face you will remember from our Bumblebee Room is Carla Hopewell; she is also returning from Maternity leave on 10th May.

Uniform Changes

You may have noticed a slight change to some of our staff uniforms, we have decided to ask our 2nd in charges within each room to now wear the pink uniforms, this we feel will help you to see who is in charge within each room at all times.



Pyjama Fun Day

Many thanks to everyone who came to Nursery on Wednesday 24th February dressed up as a super hero or Princess to help us raise money for the



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Crackerjack Children's Trust. Crackerjacks is a national charity committed to offering help and assistance to any child, or their family, who suffer from a disability. Altogether we raised a fabulous £118.61 and the children had fun doing so - well done everyone 😊

Graduation Ceremony

Yes the time is moving fast and soon many of our 'not so little' Dragonflies will be fleeing the nest and going off to big school!



To mark the occasion, we will be holding a graduation party on **Wednesday 20th July 2016** from 10am to 12pm at **St Peter and Paul's Church, Godalming**. All graduating children and their families are welcome to attend and the event will include:

- Leaving Songs
- Graduation Ceremony
- Party Games
- Party Lunch - please provide a packed lunch for your child. If your child is due in on this day, please provide a packed lunch and we will reimburse your lunch fee for this day. **Please remember No Nuts In the Packet Lunches Please**

Weather Safety

Now that the warmer weather is finally upon us (fingers crossed!) we would ask that you please provide your child with a **named sunhat** which can be left at the nursery for outdoor play. Please ensure your child has **named sun cream** that can be left at nursery. We do like to get the children out in all weathers so if it doesn't look like it's going to be very nice please bring a waterproof coat with a hood to enable the children to be able to explore the outside area.



Happy Birthday Bell House Nursery!

It is coming up to our **4th birthday** and to celebrate we are going to have a party day on **Wednesday 6th July 2016**. The staff and children in on that day can dress up for the day in their favourite **character**. We will be playing party games and doing lots of singing and dancing!



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Say "Cheese"!

There will be a visit to the nursery by David J Reeves Photography on **Tuesday 17th May 2016**. David has a great deal of experience with photographing school and nursery age children and offers a reasonably priced, flexible ordering system. If your child does not attend on that day they are able to come in between 8am and 10am to have their photos taken. Please speak to Clare or Tracy to let us know if you will be attending.

Godalming Carnival

We are delighted to have been invited to take part in Godalming Carnival Procession on **Saturday 11th June 2016**. The theme of the Carnival is **The Wild West** but we have been asked that we do not dress up as Native Americans. We hope that you would like to join us for this and will pass on more details once we have confirmed things.

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.

In addition, we would be grateful if any items of clothing borrowed from the nursery could be returned as soon as possible as we frequently run out!

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.

A copy of your invoice will be emailed to you and a copy printed and given to you by your child's room. You can make a payment in the following ways:

- Cash at reception
- Debit card at reception or over the phone



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- Cheques at front desk or you can post it to us
- Bank Transfer, the details are
 - Lloyds TSB
 - Sort Code: 30-93-49
 - Account: 26640860

Curriculum

We follow the **Early Year's Foundation Stage framework** strongly believing that young children need to play in order to learn and understand about the world around them, make friends and build social skills and most importantly develop and get enjoyment from their day.

Parent Evening

We hold Parents Evenings twice a year in January and July, but we stress to parents that we have an **open door policy** and that they are welcome to come and talk to us at any point and look through their child's profile. Having Said this we do have a parents evening this month on the 20th April from 6pm to 9pm so please do book in to see you key worker if you would like to.



Bell House Book Swap

Research proves that children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects. Reading together increases literacy skills and does so much more - it helps to build a strong and loving relationship between you. And it's never too early to start reading with your child! So here at Bell House we have set up a Book Swap for our children and parents. Here is how it works;

- Choose a book with your child from our bookcase
- Take that book home and enjoy it together
- If you like it you can keep it or bring it back and swap for another book



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- You can donate books your children have grown out of and then we can share them with our families.

Wow Moments

Please remember to share those wow moments you have with your child at home here with us at nursery, I am sure they would love to see their name on a leaf or star in their room.



Effective Communication

We try and cater for all our parents and so we offer different ways in sharing with you what is happening in the nursery, to find out information you can:

- Check our Website at www.bellhousenursery.co.uk it has lots of useful information from our policies and procedures to term dates for the funded children.
- Termly Newsletter which is emailed to each parent and a few hard copies can be found next to the Parents Board.
- 'What's on this month' a monthly update to see what is happening throughout the month, this is on the Parents Board which is located in the Reception Area.
- Weekly Blog, which is updated with news on what the rooms have enjoyed doing that week and what is happening in the current week, this can be found on our website.
- Room Parents Boards, give information specific for that room.
- Katie Sparkles is our own Music and Movement Program and Katie's lesson plans and photos can be seen on her board, which is located downstairs next to the lift.
- EYFE board, which is outside the Pre-school room, is for Parents of children who receive the 2 year or 3 year funding, and you can find details on who receives the funding and term dates here. Other information on funding can be found in our Funding Information Pack, which is coming very soon.



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2016

Term Begins: 5th September 2016
Half term: W/C 24th - 28th October 2016
Term Ends: 16th December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Term Begins: 3rd January 2017
Half Term: W/C 13th - 17th February 2017
Term Ends: 29th March 2017
Easter Holidays: 29th March 2017 - 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term Begins: 18th April 2017
Half Term: W/C 29th - 2nd June 2017
Term Ends: 19th July 2017