



Bell House Nursery  
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## Spring Term 2018



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. The children have really enjoyed telling us what Father Christmas brought them and how much fun they have had over the holidays.

### Staff News

We would like to welcome Kirsty, Charlotte and Lauren who have recently joined us in our Butterflies room. Vicky has also joined us in our Bumblebees room along with Pippa, Michelle and Karina who are helping us over our lunch time

We are pleased that Chloe Lockwood from our Ladybirds has returned from her maternity leave to join our Bumblebees team.

### Parents Evenings

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Ladybirds Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Butterflies Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bumblebees Parents Evening
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Dragonflies Parents Evening



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## Online Profiles

Could we please remind 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 as this gives us an overall picture of what your child's interests are and what they have been up to over the weekends and at home.

## Inset Day

As you are aware we hold an Inset Day once a year in order that the staff are able to update and complete further training that has now been put in place by Ofsted. This year's Inset day was set for **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** so can I please remind you that the nursery will be CLOSED for this day.

## Nursery Fees

We have reviewed our finances again and very reluctantly, along with the vast majority of childcare providers nationally, we are having to increase our prices to cover the effects of the National Living Wage and the increasing business rates imposed on commercial properties. This will not be happening until April so we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible when we have any further updates on this.

## Easter Opening Hours

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - **CLOSED**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 - **CLOSED**



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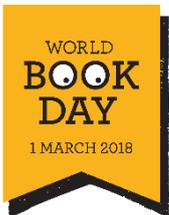


## Incredible Eggs

Some of you may remember that we were lucky enough last year to experience the hatching of babies ducks within our preschool room. Hatching chicks and ducklings in nursery environment is an exciting, magical and unforgettable experience for children, staff and parents alike and brings a fantastic 'feel-good' factor to the learning environment. It is a simple process that is enormously educational for the children so we are excited to announce that this year we have the pleasure of looking after Chicken Eggs. Please do pop in and see them as I'm sure like us you will be fascinated to see the baby chickens hatching.

**Our eggs arrive on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
**They will be hatching on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**The chicks will then sadly be leaving us on ay, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

## World Book Day



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** is this year's world book day, where we will be having a dress up day based on different book themes. There will also be lots of arts and crafts activities throughout the day. When we have more information on this we will update you.

## Mother's Day Breakfast



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** will be our Mother's Day breakfast for all our well deserving mummies. So put your feet up and join us for a good old chin wag too!



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## Easter Activity Week



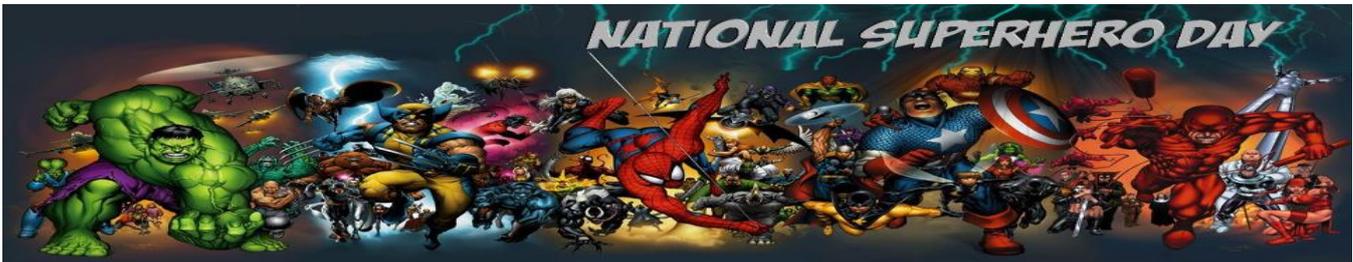
Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March will be full of fun Easter activities so please look at your child's room door to see what they are getting up to. We plan on having an Easter egg hunt too!!

## Zoo Lab



We are really pleased the Zoo Lab are joining us again this year on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-10.30**. We will be taking a special look at life cycles for younger children! Zoo Lab demonstrates how special animals deal with the changing of the seasons and what happens in springtime. In turn, they will be looking at how each animal reproduces and prepares for the season ahead. Where possible, the rangers try and bring us examples of eggs and baby animals. A great way to entertain and educate children at a special time of year!

## National Superhero's Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April



National Superhero Day is observed annually on April 28 and because this is a Saturday we are having ours on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This is a day to honour superheroes, both real and fictional. So please feel free to bring your child in dressed up as their favorite superhero.



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### 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. We are now reverting back to the 10% late payment fee for those invoices that have not been paid by this date

### 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

Just a gentle reminder that 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 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.



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**Please don't forget that you can check out what the rooms have been doing  
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