



Bell House Nursery
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Autumn Term Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents,

We hope you all have a lovely summer, we have certainly enjoyed the children telling us all about their holidays. Welcome to our new parents and we hope that you find our newsletters helpful. We are sure you are looking forward to all the upcoming events and celebrations to come over the next few months.

Staff News

Please give a warm welcome to Joana and Camila who have joined the Bumblebee team and Hannah who will be joining the Bumblebee team at the end of September. We also give a warm welcome to Rachel who has joined the Butterfly team.



Colder Weather

The cold weather is upon us so please could we remind you to make sure your child has their wellies in nursery along with plenty of spare clothes in order that they are still able to enjoy the outside area come rain or shine.



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November Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be held the week commencing 5th November.

Monday 5 th November	Ladybirds Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 th November	Butterflies Parents Evening
Wednesday 7 th November	Bumblebees Parents Evening
Thursday 8 th November	Dragonflies Parents Evening

Autumn Harvest Festival Celebration at the Church

On Thursday 20th September at 3pm we are holding a Church service to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

There will be a box situated by the front door for Parents to bring in donations for our local food bank.

The Dragonflies and the Bumblebee pre-schoolers 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 food bank.

Could we also ask ALL Dragonfly and Bumblebee pre-schoolers children to attend so that they can sing on mass!



Happy Halloween Party

On Wednesday 31st 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!

Zoo Lab (Halloween special!)



We are really pleased the Zoo Lab are joining us again this year on Wednesday 31st October 9.00-10.30. This is an educational visit for the children, who will learn lots about the ghoulish and slimy creatures that the Zoo Lab team will introduce to them. Hold them if you dare!



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Photographer

Tuesday 13th November 2018-Pret-a-portrait are coming in today to take pictures of our little ones. Please ask nearer the time for extra requests for siblings.

Children in Need 2016

Thursday 15th 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).

Christmas Jumper Party Day



Thursday 13th December 2018 - 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.

Butterflies and Ladybirds Christmas Play and Stay afternoon

Tuesday 11th December 2018- Butterfly and Ladybird parents are invited to a festive play and stay session between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. There will be lots of fun and Christmassy activities to do with your little ones and it's a chance to have a chat to the teams as well.

Bumblebees Christmas Sing Song

Thursday 13th December 2018 - The Bumblebees will be singing their hearts out at the bandstand. Please come along to give them some support and to sing along yourselves. The singing will begin at 3pm.



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Pre-School Nativity Play

Friday 14th December 2018 - The Dragonflies and Pre-school Bumblebees will be performing a traditional Nativity play at the St Peters and Pauls church, starting at 3pm. All Parents and children are welcome to join the congregation.



Christmas Opening Hours

Tuesday 25th December 2018 - **CLOSED**
Wednesday 26th December 2018 - **CLOSED**
Thursday 27th December 2018 - Normal hours
Friday 28th December 2018 - Normal hours
Friday 29th December 2016 - Normal hours
Monday 31st December 2018 - Normal hours
Tuesday 1st January 2019 - **CLOSED**

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)



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

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 or annie@bellhousenursery.co.uk

Invoices

Please be aware that invoices need to be settled by 9th of the month to avoid a 10% 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 may 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.

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