

## BUSY LIZZIE'S NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2019



### Important Dates!

Spring Term starts – 7th January  
FE Headcount Day – 17th January  
Nature week - 21st – 25th January  
Valentine week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Zoolab visit – 4th February-9.30  
Half term – 18th – 22nd February  
Spring Term ends – 5th April  
Summer term starts – 23rd April

### School Leavers:

If your child is going to school in September please make sure that you have filled in the online application as deadline for this is 15<sup>th</sup> January!

### Welcome to our January 2019 Newsletter!

Thank you for all your support leading up to Christmas. The raffle raised £30 which will go towards purchasing activities for the children. Within the staff team, Nicola has recently achieved her Early Years Educator Level 3, which she and all the team are extremely proud of! She and the rest of the team continue to undertake a range of short courses to ensure our knowledge and information continues to be broadened and up to date with current practice.

### This Month...

Throughout the first 2 weeks, we will be chatting to the children about their Christmas, so we would be very grateful for any photos or something that your child can bring in to be a part of a 'show and tell' discussion. Please let your child's Key Person know when they have bought something in, so if they forget we can remind them! During the latter half of January we will be exploring nature and thinking about animals and birds and how they survive the wintery months. Once again to support this if you go on any nature walks and wish to bring in the resource to show us that would be great!

### Did you know....

Research has shown that children should be physically active for at least 3 hours a day.

This includes walking, running, climbing, cycling, chasing and ball games. This helps to prevent obesity and Type 2 Diabetes developing.

### Did you know....

Lunchboxes & drinks bottles can be a haven for bacteria to develop rapidly. So please wash or wipe lunchboxes out on a daily basis and at the end of the week pop them into the washing machine to ensure bacteria isn't festering over the weekend!

### Speak to us about....

- Busy Lizzie's uniform – if you would like to purchase polo shirts or jumpers for your child we have a stock available
- Funding – you may be entitled to 2 year old Free Entitlement Funding and some parents may also be entitled to 30 hours Extended FE funding
- What your child has been doing – this could be new experiences, things they have learnt or things they are currently struggling with
- Any hobbies or skills you have that you may want to share with the children or if you know anyone with an interesting career that may wish to come in for a visit
- If you have any worries or concerns, please come and find a member of staff who will be happy to chat with you!

### Reminders:

- **Fees – If you pay for your child to attend please make sure you do this on time!**
- Please provide a healthy lunchbox (no nuts or sweets please), water bottle, labelled bag with nappies & wipes (if applicable), a spare set of clothes (even if your child is toilet trained) a jumper & coat
- Children are no longer allowed to bring in toys from home, as they can get lost/broken which can be upsetting.
- Weather – please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather including footwear and that they have coats etc with them when needed
- **Label - everything! We are not able to remember what things belong to what child and your child may not always be able to tell us themselves. In particular ensure bags, lunchboxes and water bottles are labelled.**
- Inform – please let us know if your child is going to be absent and why, if they have had an accident at home, if you've moved or changed your phone number or if someone we haven't seen before is collecting your child.
- Phones – please do NOT use your mobile phone while you are within Busy Lizzie's – this is necessary to ensure the safety of the children in our care.
- Clothing – children will get messy so please do not send them in their best clothes!