



### Welcome to our April Newsletter!

As many of you are already aware Mercedes has joined us and is settling in nicely! Please can you save washed out half egg shells to bring in as we are hoping to grow cress in them! Please be aware that the setting will be closed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May for Polling Day. We apologise for this inconvenience- we have no choice in the matter and have only just been made aware.

**Fees – If you pay for your child to attend please make sure you do this on time!**

### Important Dates!

- Visit to Abbas Coombe
- 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am
- Visit to Kingsham School
- 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- 7<sup>th</sup> April @ 11.15am and 2.15pm
- End of Term
- 7<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer Term starts
- 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Visit to Abbas Coombe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 10.30am
- Polling Day – SETTING CLOSED**
- 4<sup>th</sup> May

### Worries or concerns...

If you are worried, concerned or not happy about something, please do let me (Liz) know. This can be done either verbally in private or in writing, which gives me an opportunity to discuss them with you, to see if I need to make changes or to reassure you of our practice.

### What do parents/carers need to bring with their child...

- Filled water bottle
- Bag with nappies & baby wipes (if applicable)
- Healthy lunch box (no nuts or sweets please)
- Coat, spare set of clothes, sunhat, sun cream
- Dummies/soothers/comforters if used

### What do parents need to tell us.....

- When your child is absent and why
- When your child has had a common childhood illness
- When your child has had an accident at home and has a mark/bruise
- When your child has had head lice
- When you move or change your phone number
- When someone we haven't seen before is collecting your child

All labelled please!  
(Use marker/fabric pen, nail varnish, sticky labels)

Why? To ensure we are safeguarding children in our care appropriately

### Healthy Lifestyle Useful Links and Apps!

The Children and Family Centre and Chichester District Wellbeing provide 'Cook & Eat' groups – contact them on 01243 521041, [info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk)

NHS 'Eatwell Guide' (<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/the-eatwell-guide.aspx>)

Westsussexwellbeing.org.uk

Nhs.uk/change4life

### Apps:

Change4Life Sugar Swaps  
FoodSwitch UK  
Easy Meals

### Did you know....

- We have a limited amount of Busy Lizzie's uniform in stock if you wish to purchase
- You can write a review about us on our website and our Facebook page!
- We like parents to stay and play if they wish to
- We like to let you know how your child has been, ask your child's Key Person-they will be very happy to let you know!
- We like parents to give us photos of what their child may have been doing - it encourages chatter which we love to hear!
- We have a copy of all our policies and procedures on our website, and a mastercopy on the desk
- We have a What s' On' leaflet for the Children & Family Centre situated on the desk, please help yourself to a copy!

### What should your Child wear to Busy Lizzie's....

Whilst at Busy Lizzie's, your child will get dirty as we love messy play! So please dress your child in clothes that you don't mind being covered in glue, mud, paint etc. We are about to order some new Busy Lizzie uniform.

Please remember **NOT** to use your mobile phone whilst you are within Busy Lizzie's. If you need to take a call, please wait until you have left the setting. This is necessary to ensure the safety of the children in our care.

### Upcoming Trips Out:

We have organised to visit Abbas Coombe residents again to sing them some of our favourite Easter songs! We are also beginning regular visits to Kingsham with the older children in preparation for school.

### Easter Bonnet Parade:

Don't forget to make a decorated hat with your children ready for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and to come in at 11.15 or 2.15 to watch them singing Easter songs. The children have decorated baskets and we are hoping the Easter bunny will leave them a present!