



Welcome to our May Newsletter!

We would to welcome April & Laurie as our bank members of staff who help us out when we need it! Claire is starting her maternity leave in June, so her last day with us will be Friday 26th May. However, she is planning to return to us at the beginning of November following the birth of her baby and a well-deserved rest! Please find attached an information sheet on school readiness for those who are starting school in September!

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

Important Dates!

Polling Day – SETTING CLOSED

- 4th May
- Visit to Abbas Coombe
- 2nd May @ 10.30am
- Visit to Kingsham School
- 8th May @ 10.30am
- Vesak Week
- w/c 8th May
- Half Term
- 29th May-2nd June
- End of Term
- Thursday 20th July
- Graduation/Summer Fayre
- Friday 21st July

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- 8th June

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

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 new stock of Busy Lizzie's uniform if you wish to purchase any
- 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 a trip to Abbas Coombe once again to visit the residents as they enjoy us visiting them. We have also organised another visit to Kingsham School in which the children have the opportunity to experience reception class, differing routines/resources
Festivals: Vesak is on 10th May this year, so we will exploring this Buddhist festival which celebrates Buddha's birthday within a range of experiences & activities. Activities will include stories, meditating, art activities including different mandalas and vegetarian snack!