



Welcome to our October Newsletter!

Congratulations to Zoe who has achieved her EYE level 3 qualification and is awaiting her certificate! This month we are thinking about farming and Autumn, then just before half term we will be thinking about Diwali and what the festival celebrates! WE have the opportunity to visit the farm on Wednesday 4th October at Abbas Coombe who have kindly asked if we would like to enjoy the experience, so we will be visiting in the afternoon. Any parent helpers would be wonderful!

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

Important Dates!

- Celebrating Autumn :**
- W/C 2nd & 9th October
- Visit to Abbas Coombe**
- Farm 4th October
- Celebrating Diwali:**
- 16th – 20th Oct
- Half – term:**
- 23rd – 27th Oct
- Zoolab visiting**
- 6th Nov @ 9.30
- Children in Need**
- 17th Nov
- Autumn term ends :**
- Friday 15th Dec
- Spring Term starts:**
- 8th Jan 2018

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

Parents accessing 30 hours Extended FE funding:

Please remember to update and confirm your eligibility and income details when you are requested to do so by the Government, which should be around 4 weeks prior to your grace period ending. If you do not confirm these details or give false information then the extended funding cannot continue and you may incur a fine.

Did you know.....

- We have a new stock of Busy Lizzie's uniform if you wish to purchase any as this saves other clothes getting covered in paint and glue etc! If you don't want to buy uniform, that's okay! Just dress your child in clothes you don't mind being covered in playdoh, paint, glue etc!
- 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

Healthy Lifestyle Useful Links/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
www.firststepsnutrition.org

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.

Lunchboxes:

Please ensure that your child's lunch is healthy as they are encouraged to eat all their savoury items first and ensure that it is washed/wiped out at the end of each day to prevent the build-up of mould!

Who's Here Today Board:

Now that we have everyone on the board, we like to encourage parents to 'sign' their child in by finding their photo and popping it on the board, then finding a basket/box and their name card. This helps with their confidence and recognising their name. The board and baskets are over by the desk!