

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good summer break? Also a big hello to the new families that have joined us this month.

We now have started our new sessions at pre-school so just a reminder of the new session times:

AM- 9am -12 noon

PM – 12 noon -3pm (please bring a packed lunch).

Full Day – 9am -3pm.

We would also like to welcome both Helen Scott and Emma Muscutt to the Birchanger Butterflies staff team. Helen will be taking on all Joyce Brandle's key children and Emma is doing some lunch time cover for the staff.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2018/2019 are as follows:

1st Autumn Half Term

5th September 2018 to 18th October 2018
(Occasional day 19th October)

2nd Autumn Half Term

29th October 2019 to 19th December 2018

1st Spring Half Term

7th January 2019 to 15th February 2019
(Occasional days 3rd and 4th January)

2nd Spring Half Term

25th February 2019 to 5th April 2019

1st Summer Half Term

23rd April 2019 to 24th May 2019
(Bank holiday 6th May)

2nd Summer Half Term

4th June 2019 to 24th July 2019
(occasional day 3rd June)

Snack:



Snack money is due to be paid for this half term.

The snack charge is 30p per session therefore 60p for a full day. If your child attends 5 sessions a week then this half term amounts to: £9.60 and if they attend 10 sessions then this half term amounts to £19.20.

Please ensure this is paid in advance each half term, Thank you.

Should you wish to pay directly into our bank account the details are:

Sort Code: 60-02-36

Account number: 44495935

Please place your child's initials and the word snack in the reference.

If you wish to pay by cash then please ensure this is placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name on and 'snack', please hand in to the office.

Hot Lunches

We are still in the process of sorting out hot lunches that will be supplied by Ashlyns who have just started the catering for the Primary School these will provide a healthy lunch for your child with a wide range of choice each day. Further information will follow.

Emergency Contact information

Please can you inform us if any of your contact information has changed such as, phone number, address etc. This is very important to ensure we can contact you in an emergency.

Should you need to check what information we have for your child then please see Karen in the office.

Thank you



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be near the beginning of October for children that are returning to nursery after the summer break.

A date is yet to be confirmed, however, once this has been decided, could we ask that you book an appointment with your child's key person. If this fixed date is not suitable we will look, where possible, to arrange a mutually convenient time.

For parents/carers of children that have just joined the nursery, you can speak to your child's key person to find out how they have settled. Tapestry will also include information about their settling in at nursery.

30 Hours Childcare Funding

Childcare Choices

As many of you are aware we have extended our hours from September to enable us to offer the full 30 hours per week. If you wish to check to see if you are entitled to 30 hours funding, then please click on the link below:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

This is for children aged 3 and over only.

If you have already checked and are in receipt of the 30 hours funding, then I must remind you that every three months parents need to confirm that the details they entered on their application are up to date. You will be sent an email reminder to do this, however this is your responsibility and if not completed funding would be stopped in January 2019.



Weather

Please ensure children are dressed or come with appropriate clothing for the weather, this could be a waterproof and warm jacket for the winter or sun-cream and a hat needed if it is sunny especially if your child attends a full day.

Spare Clothes

Can we please remind parents that children need to come with spare clothes that they can be changed in to if they dirty their own clothes. Unfortunately, we do not have enough storage to store many spare clothes therefore your support by bringing in your own daily would be appreciated.



All About me

This half term we will be covering activities around the theme 'All about me'.



We will be looking at our differences in appearance, who lives with us and our likes and dislikes.

