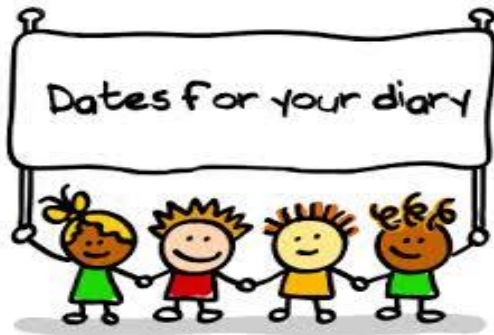


Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a good half term break?



We have a busy half term planned for the children so please ensure you take a look below as there are some dates for your diaries.

PLEASE NOTE:

Unfortunately, I have not been able to book a trip to Audley End Christmas Train this year as they have really limited the days this can be booked for groups and could not fit us in!

Christmas Party

We have organised a Christmas party for the children on

Wednesday 18th December from 1.30pm-3pm in the primary school hall

All children are invited

If your child normally attends pre-school on this afternoon, then they will be taken to the party from pre-school at 1.30pm.

Parents are invited to attend a Christmas Song concert at 2.30pm in the school hall.



Reminders:

Snack:



Snack money is due to be paid for this half term. The snack charge is 30p per session. If your child attends all 10 sessions a week then this half term amounts to: £21.30. Please ensure this is paid in advance each half term, Thank you.

Payment preference is directly into our bank account the details are:

Account Name-Birchanger Butterflies Preschool
Account Number - 00032193
Sort Code - 40-52-40

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

Cash payments can also be received in the office but **MUST** be in a named envelope to ensure payment is allocated to the correct child.

Packed Lunches:

Please can I remind parents again about supplying your child with a healthy packed lunch. At preschool we encourage healthy eating for all the children and therefore do not allow chocolate bars or sweets in a child's packed lunch.



For reasons of allergic reactions **NUTS** must not be included in any form in children's lunch boxes.



Term Dates 2019/2020

Term dates for the Autumn term:

- * 4th November to 19th December
2nd Autumn half term
- * 23rd December to 6th January 2020
Christmas Holidays

Term dates for the Spring term:

- *7th January to 14th February
1st Spring half term
- *17th February to 21st February
half term holidays
- *24th February to 3rd April
2nd Spring half term
- 6th April to 17th April
Easter holidays

Term dates for the Summer term:

- *20th April to 22nd May
(occasional day Friday 8th May)
1st Summer term
- *25th May to 1st June
(occasional day 1st June)
Half term holidays
- 2nd June to 22nd July
2nd half term

Reminder:

Can we please ask parents/carers to return clothes that are borrowed from pre-school washed and as soon as possible.

Thank you



Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November 2019

3pm-4.30pm

at Birchanger Butterflies Pre-school

Fun for all the family



Please support the committee with this fund raising event and join us for Christmas games, crafts, raffle prizes and refreshments.

If you feel you are able to volunteer by manning a stall or cooking some cakes, then please speak to a committee member or email Karen/the committee.

Thank you

We are planning on doing some activities around fireworks this half term, using paint to explore colour mixing. Seeing if the children can represent the fireworks they may see in their creations.



Then we will be finishing the half term with Christmas activities.



Primary School Applications

If your child was born during the period 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016, you can apply for your child to attend a primary or infant school. Your child will be entitled to start school from the September of the academic year 2020/21.

It is the responsibility of parents to make an application for their child's primary school place. It is not necessary to wait to receive an application form or letter in the post. From 11 November 2019 you can access information and apply online

at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

The closing date for applications is 15 January 2020.



Our Open Morning for new reception children, 2020

Birchanger Primary School have an **Open Morning** for prospective parents/children on **Thursday 7th November 2019**, Guided tours from 9.30am and Head Teachers Talk at 10.30am.



REQUEST

Can all parents please send in a **Stamped addressed envelope, A5 size.** This is because the children will be making and then posting you a Christmas Surprise!!



Shoes



Please can we ask that children have shoes that they are able to put on themselves. This is particularly important for children going to school next year as we want to encourage independence. Shoes with Velcro are the easiest for many children and when they are able to put their own shoes on, they get a great deal of satisfaction

