

Robin Hill Nursery Newsletter December 2015

We will be raising money for Crackerjacks Children's Trust this month. We originally had this planned for Wednesday 9th but then realised, it's the show!!! So we will be in Christmas jumpers on Friday 18th December to raise money instead. We will be ending the term in true festive style! Each room will have a donation box.



Reminder to all

Please remember that during their time at nursery, your children participate in various messy activities, including art activities and fun in the garden. Although every attempt is made to keep them as clean as possible, we do not always succeed! Therefore we are requesting that your children are dressed in clothes suitable for these activities.

Thank you.

Employee of the Month

Last month, you voted for Lisa! Lisa was chosen for the lovely activities she plans for the children and her hard work ensuring the toy library is always fully stocked!

Who will you vote for this month? Please put your votes in the Post box in the reception area.

Who has stuck out as providing exceptional care?

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Your name (optional).....

Administration - Funding

There is a shortfall in the EYEE funding this month and Thursday 17th and Friday 18th
December will not be funded.

If you access a completely funded place or if you joined us during this funding period (i.e. after 7th September) you will be contacted separately and advised how this affects you. Please note the following excerpt from our EYEE Funding Terms and Conditions:-

'Occasionally the term may be a few days longer than the funding period. In this case you will be required to pay for all the hours booked on the unfunded days.'

If this causes you a problem financially, please contact the office.

The new funding period will start in January so if you want to make any changes to your child's booking please send in a written request by letter or e-mail, or complete a changes request form found in the hallway. Please remember that once your funding is claimed in January it cannot be increased until after Easter 2016.

Email the office with any queries - info@robinhillnursery.co.uk

Christmas Craft Evening

Don't forget – It's our Christmas Craft Evening on Wednesday 2nd December 6:30-7:30pm. It's a great chance for you and your children to get crafty and make some Christmas decorations. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine!

Healthy Eating AWARD

We are working with the local council to help promote healthy living. One of the co-ordinators of the scheme 'Healthy Active Little Ones' came round to check out our environment and sample our menus, needless to say, she loved it all © Yippee! We are on track to win the Early Excellence Award from the Children's Food Trust.

We decided to take this opportunity to switch up our menus and create snack and tea menus to ensure that the children were receiving a variety of wholesome foods.

We've added some new puddings to our lunch menus, instead of fresh fruit every day, we now offer sugar free jelly, homemade oat biscuits and frozen yogurt!

At tea time, we now offer a wide range of delicious foods from ham and cheese wraps to potato, couscous and rice salads! Yummy!

We hope you like the menus, any feedback is welcome ©

Dates for your diaries

<u>Last day of Autumn term</u> - Friday 18th December *Please note: If your child is registered as 'Term Time Only', this will be their last day of the year.

Last day of EYEE funding - Wednesday 16th December

<u>Christmas closure</u> - Thursday 24^{th} December we will close at 12:30pm. We will reopen our doors on Monday 4^{th} January. *<u>Please note</u>: First day of the new term for 'Term-time only' children is Tuesday 5^{th} December.

All the ESCC term and holiday dates can be found on the East Sussex County Council website.

Visits and celebrations

Rave Bugs - 18th December: We're finishing the term with a BANG. Phill will be back with his African Drums to lead a noisy session with the children. Phill will be with the Caterpillars 10:30-11 and the Butterflies 11-11:30.

*If your child does not attend this session, you can book them in for an extra session to ensure they don't miss out; alternatively, you can stay and supervise them for the duration of the visit.

Christmas show and Party information

You should all have received letters regarding the Butterfly Christmas Show and parties.

The Butterflies will be performing a show on Wednesday 9th December at 10am. This will be followed by a party and visit from Father Christmas.

The Caterpillars will be having a party on Monday 14th December 10am-12pm, Father Christmas will also be stopping by for that one ☺

Please remember: Caterpillar children must have a present for Father Christmas to give to them – please bring in a wrapped gift for your child and ensure it is clearly labeled, the gift should be no more than £5.