



Robin Hill Nursery Newsletter

March 2016

Phonic sessions

Unfortunately, we had to cancel one of our phonic sessions due to staff sickness. We have rescheduled for **Tuesday 15th March 5-6pm**

Please let a member of staff know if you will be attending or you can email Harriet and let her know



Mother's Day Play

As a special treat for Mother's Day, we are inviting all Mummies and Grannies in to play!

If you'd like to take us up on the offer, just let a member of staff know when you'd like to come in and how long for 😊

Important changes to Robin Hill

Did you spot the revamped rooms? We spent half term de cluttering the nursery, revamping the rooms and recreating our play spaces! We also did a lot of shopping 😊 We are very pleased with the finished product and we hope you (and your children) are too!

To go with our new environment, we have also changed the way that we plan for the children. We will no longer be pre planning activities and topics, instead, we will be totally 'child led'. We will skillfully observe the children at play and extend their learning 'in the moment' and therefore support them to make progress much quicker.

We have visited other nurseries that already do this, we have researched this new way of planning and we have received training in order to fully understand how we can meet each individual child's needs.

We will no longer have a set 'snack time' as we have learnt that as fun as we try to make it, it is a long period of time where the children's brains are not 'lit up' and therefore not developing. Some children attend only for 3 hours per session, snack can sometimes take up a large majority of this and we feel that that isn't good enough.

We want all of the children who attend to make rapid progress in all areas of learning. From now on, we will have a 'snack area' which will have fresh water, milk, fruit and crackers or other starchy food products such as bread, when the children feel hungry, they can sit at the table and serve themselves. Please note, all staff are aware of the allergies we have in the setting and will ensure that no child's health is put at risk.

Each day, we will allow the children to lead their play; we will play alongside them, extending their interests and finding 'teachable moments'. We will document what's happened each day and link the play to areas of learning. This book will be available outside each room for you to see. We will continue to send 'termly topic newsletters' but instead of sending these at the beginning of a term, we will send them at the end so that you can see what we've been up to and how much your child has learnt. If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of staff 😊

Staffing at Robin Hill

We are delighted to inform you that Natasha will be joining the Robin Hill team this month.

Natasha is a qualified teacher and has many years experience working with primary aged children.

Natasha will be here to cover staff lunches, sickness and holidays.

Little Kickers

We are very excited to announce that we have 'Little Kickers' coming to the nursery on Friday 11th March at 1:45-2:30pm.

Little Kickers teach children football through a series of fun games whilst covering almost every other area of learning in the process!

If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Friday afternoon, book them in for the hour and they can join in on the fun!

Celebrations and visits

World Book Day – 3rd March

Mother's Day – 6th March

St Patrick's Day – 17th March

World Down Syndrome Day – 21st March

Giant Wiggle – 23rd March 2:45pm we will wiggle down the road and then have a picnic and story at St John's Church *Parent Helpers wanted*

Easter – 27th March

To celebrate 'World Book Day', we will be dressing up as our favourite story book characters!

We will be hosting another **Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 31st 2:30-4pm**. If you would like your child to take part, simply book them in for the hour and a half and they will take part in a hunt around the nursery plus lots of Easter orientated games!

Dates for your diaries

Last day of term - Thursday 24th March

Bank Holidays - Friday 25th & Monday 28th March

Easter holidays - 29th March - 8th April inclusive

First day of next term - Monday 11th April

Don't forget to put your holiday dates in the folder by 15th March for a rebate

All the ESCC term and holiday dates can be found on the East Sussex County Council website - please find a copy with this newsletter.

Administration - Funding

There is a shortfall in the EYEE funding this month and therefore the last funded day will be Monday 21st March. If you access a completely funded place or if you joined us during this funding period (i.e. after 5th January) you will be contacted separately if 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 April 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 April it cannot be increased until September 2016.

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

Police visit

We've got the Police coming to visit us! Don't worry, we're not in trouble – they are coming to see the children!

They will be here on Thursday 10th at 3pm.

If your child would like to see the Police Officers and have a go in the Police car, you can either book in an extra session or come along with your child. Please call the office to check availability.



Late payments and charges

We have recently had an increase in the number of late payment charges that we have applied to accounts. As you are probably all aware payment is due 14 days after the date on the invoice, which is usually mid-month.

If you have a problem with paying your invoice within this timescale, maybe due to your work pay date being later in the month, or an unexpected bill, please contact the office to discuss a solution. We would prefer to make special arrangements rather than charge you a late payment fee every month.

