

# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2023	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept – open morning for new starters only Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – inset day, staff training Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas party
Spring 2024	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – closed, staff training
Summer 2024	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – closed, bank holiday

## Dates for your diary:

### Summer Term 2023

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

- Nursery Graduation, 2.00pm
- Last day of term
- Summer Party, 9.30-11.30am



## The Early Bird Pre-School CIC latest news . . .

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of another year at Early Birds – and what a busy term we have had!

We have had lots of primary school teachers visiting us this term to help with the transition to school for our leavers. We know that some of the children have already visited their new schools – we have loved hearing all about it! Lots of children have also learnt their new school logo from our display of them.

Staff have been very busy preparing end of year reports for our leavers. These are an important part of the transition process as they provide new teachers useful information about your child which helps with the settling in process. A copy of the report will be in your child's Learning Journal which will be given to you during the last week of term.

We have been lucky to have had lots of visits this term:

- We enjoyed a trip to Standalone Farm in June. The weather was hot and sunny, but everyone had a good time – the pigs and tractor rides were particularly popular!
- The nursery children had a pizza making experience at L'Artista on 27<sup>th</sup> June. The children enjoyed rolling the dough and decorating the pizzas with their chosen toppings, rounded off with a tasty ice cream. The younger children also made their own pizzas at pre-school and enjoyed them for lunch – there was quite a variety of shapes and sizes!
- This week some of the children visited the allotment of one of our parents. They picked strawberries and raspberries and brought back some potatoes and courgettes which were cooked and shared with everyone back at the setting. Thank you so much to our parent for inviting us – the children had a lovely time.
- The nursery children had a trip to Icknield Forest School last week. The children had lots of outdoor fun, climbing trees, making wands and doing leaf and bark rubbing

There has been lots going on at pre-school too this term! The children were very excited to have a visit from the Mr Whippy ice cream van on Tuesday last week. The children behaved very well waiting for their ice cream and sitting nicely to enjoy them. We also had a visit from a beekeeper to mark National Bee Day. It was a very informative visit and the children loved dressing up in the bee costumes. The children had a chance to taste honey, some enjoyed theirs spread on toast.

Singing and performing for peers and staff has been very popular this term, the children love using the microphone – 'Let it Go' remains a particular favourite! Making pretend ice cream has been popular, as well as pirate/treasure hunting play, and on hot days the children have been playing car wash and ice play. The children enjoyed learning all about toothcare during smile week and we received some lovely photos of them cleaning their teeth at home!

### Parent Questionnaire

Please complete your questionnaire before your child leaves us.



We really do take on board all your comments, good and bad, so we know where to improve and what to continue doing!

### Artwork

Your child's artwork will be going home this week.

If you have run out of wall space these can be used for special wrapping paper and gift tags!



### Summer Party

Preparations are in full swing for our summer party on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. 9.30-11.30am

There will be lots of fun activities – bouncy castle, scavenger hunt, games, crafts, face painting and water play.

Thank you to the Leisure Centre, Tranquil Turtle, Church Farm, Ardeley, Pampered Pets, EV-S Hair and Tesco Baldock for their generous raffle donations



Kirstie

Ebony

Natasha

Syreta

Thank you all for your continuing support, and a special thanks to the parents that have helped with visits this year.

We wish you all a fantastic summer break

We will be back for the new term on

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Love from the Early Bird Team xxx

Katherine

Kerry

Hayley

Maisie

Caitlin

Sarah

### Goodbye and Good Luck to our Leavers

This is always a sad time of the year for us when we get ready to say goodbye to some of our Early Birds.

We will miss you all very much but wish you lots of luck in your new schools and hope you enjoy your next big adventure!



### The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

**Natasha** - Director & Early Years Manager

**Ebony** – Director, Early Years Leader & Designated Safeguarding Officer

**Syreta** - Early Years Deputy & SENCO

**Kirstie** -Snr Early Years Educator, H&S Officer

**Katherine** – Finance Manager

**Kerry** - Early Years Educator

**Sarah** - Early Years Educator

**Hayley** – Early Years Educator

**Maisie** – Early Years Helper

**Caitlin** – Early Years Helper

Summer Holiday activities from the Family Centre on the next page!

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# North Herts Summer Events

Monday 24th July 1.30-3pm	Treasure Hunt	Swinburn Recreation Ground, Hitchin SG5 2RR
Wednesday 2nd August 10-11.30am	People who help us	Priory Gardens, Royston, SG8 9DX
Tuesday 8th August 10-11.30am	Den Building and Physical Play	Weston Way Nursery, Baldock, SG7 6HD
Thursday 17th August 1.30-3pm	Animals	Norton Common, Icknield Way, Letchworth, SG6 4UF
Wednesday 23rd August 1.30-3pm	Superheroes	Little Wymondley Recreation Ground, Tower Close, SG4 7JG
Wednesday 30th August 10-11.30am	Teddy Bears Picnic	Baldock Road Recreation Ground, Letchworth, SG6 2EL

**FREE** entry for families registered with the Family Centre Service. Please bring your registration card or proof of registration.

To sign up please follow link ([www.hertsfamilycentres.org/sign-up.aspx](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/sign-up.aspx))

For non-registered families or out of Hertfordshire there will be a charge of £1 per child.

## SESSION DETAILS

Come and join us for some family fun in the Summer holidays! These sessions are mainly aimed at children under 8, however there are some activities to engage your older children if they would like to attend.



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