

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



March 2021



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Summer 2021	Mon 12 th April – Thur 15 th July	31 st May – 4 th June	Mon 3 rd May – closed bank holiday
Autumn 2021	Mon 6 th Sept - Thur 16 th Dec	25 th Oct – 29 th Nov	Thur 2 nd Sept – Open morning new starters Fri 3 rd Sept – closed staff training Mon 6 th Sept – term starts

Dates for your diary:

Summer Term 2021

4th-14th May

Tuesday 15th June

Friday 16th July 9.30 – 11.30am

Egg hatching experience

Photographer

End of term party (all children invited accompanied by an adult)

Autumn Term 2021

Fri 17th Dec 2021, 9.30 – 11.30am

Christmas Party (all children invited accompanied by an adult)

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

This is a change to our usual newsletter. we are trying to reach as many of you as possible so please do feedback and let us know if you prefer this format which will be emailed to our current families and those on the waiting list or if you prefer the other version where you need to subscribe to receive it. Although this is our shortest half term of the year, there is still a lot to tell you about!

Planting Activities – we have been busy planting sunflowers, tomatoes, cabbages, carrots, peppers and potatoes in our front garden vegetable patch and have also planted potatoes in our outdoor classroom. We are looking forward to watching them grow and tasting them for snack. Inside we have been growing broad beans.

Pancakes! We enjoyed making pancakes for pancake day. The team demonstrated how to make them and the children enjoyed eating them for snack!

World Book Day thank you to our early birds for dressing up as their favourite book characters. We had a lovely day and shared lots of stories together.

Red Nose Day raised £37.00 for Comic Relief. We had a lot of fun with red sensory play, dance offs, jokes and read the Comic Relief story. Thank you to everyone that donated.

Mini Beast Hunts the children have enjoyed mini beast hunts in the garden, finding spiders and ladybirds!

Snails Now snails are bigger, the children have enjoyed helping to clean them out and learning how to take care of animals.

We have introduced a projector into our setting and have been looking at light, making shadows and exploring loose parts on it.

Superhero Week We have all been super excited about superhero week! Thank you to the parents who brought in masks and capes and donated some beautiful fabric to use. We have been talking about how superheroes are kind, strong and help others.

Next term . . . we are really looking forward to our egg hatching experience in May. This year we are having duck eggs and we are so excited to see the ducklings hatch and spend their first few days with us! We will also be observing our caterpillars transforming into beautiful butterflies!

We hope you all enjoy your easter break and look forward to seeing you next term!



COVID 19 and other illnesses

Thank you to you all for your support to keep us all safe during this term. Please note that latest government guidelines request that if a child develops a temperature, they should not return to the setting until they have had 48 hours clear, even after a negative COVID test. Please be honest with us and let us know if you have medicated your child before bringing them to pre-school.

Thank you

Purple Day

On Friday we will be showing our support for Purple Day to raise awareness of epilepsy. Children are invited to wear something purple, however small – badge, hair scrunchie etc, and we will be doing lots of sensory purple play. For more information go to www.purpleday.org



Congratulations!

We are delighted to tell you that Ebony will become a director of Early Birds. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating her. She will continue her role of pre-school lead.

Bath Bombs

Any donations of bath bombs would be gratefully received for our water play activities next term. Also if you have any left over vegetable or flower seeds we would really appreciate them for our garden.

Thank you ☺



Sun Protection



We hope to see some sun during the summer term! Please ensure your child attends their session with sun cream applied, and that they wear: **suitable cool clothing that covers their shoulders - no strappy dresses/tops!**

Please also ensure they are wearing suitable footwear for all activities such as parachute games and using our slide,

no flip flops - closed toe sandals only please!

They will also require a named summer hat.

Snack

Thank you to those of you that have paid your £5 donation this term.

This money is important to us to be able to provide a healthy snack to keep our Early Birds full of energy!



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PLEASE **like** and **follow** our Facebook page for lots of up to date information, activities the children have been involved in and upcoming events.



- Please can you make sure focus forms are returned to your child's key person
- We have been sharing our handwashing song with our children. Can parents please make sure they are encouraging good handwashing at home.
- If your child is leaving us in July please let us know which school/nursery your child is going to so we can start the transition process.
- Please remember to label Tupperware pots, drink bottles and lunch boxes.
- Invoices for next term will be sent out on Thursday 15th April and payment is due by Friday 30th April. These are sent out by email, so please make sure we have an up to date email address.

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

Natasha - Director & Early Years Manager

Ebony – Director & Early Years Leader

Syreta - Early Years Deputy & SENCO

Kirstie -Snr Early Years Educator, H&S officer

Kerry – Early Years Educator

Sarah - Early Years Educator

Nick - Early Years Educator

Gemma - Early Years Educator

Katherine - Administrator