

# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



## March 2022



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2021	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – open morning (for new starters only) Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept – closed, staff training
Spring 2022	Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – closed, bank holiday Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan – closed, staff training Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – closed, staff training
Summer 2022	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr– Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – closed, bank holiday Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June – closed, Standalone Farm visit

### Dates for your diary:

#### Summer Term 2022

- Throughout summer term
  - w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April
  - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May
  - w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June
  - w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June
  - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June
  - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July
  - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- School teacher visits
  - Caterpillars at setting and sponsored Bunny Bounce
  - Bus trip to Pets At Home (nursery children)
  - Royal Jubilee Celebration
  - Duckling hatching experience
  - Morning visit to Standalone Farm (setting closed)
  - Graduation (nursery children)
  - Last day of term
  - Summer Party (no normal sessions)

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

We have had such a busy end to the spring term! We have been very lucky with the weather this term and have enjoyed lots of outdoor games, singing and planting flowers in our garden. The Early Birds have been very busy inside too with foam and paint play, making gloop, threading and role play.

- Pancake Day – the children enjoyed watching Kerry and Nick making pancakes, and particularly enjoyed eating them in a group picnic inside. There were lots of cheers when the pancakes were flipped!
- Friendship week – the children made friendship bracelets and cards for their friends and had lots of pink themed sensory play. We shared some lovely books about kindness.
- Thank you to the parent helpers that made our trip to Icknield Double Decker Bus Library possible. We had a fabulous time, the children loved being read stories and looking at lots of books in an unusual setting and pretending to be bus drivers behind the steering wheel!
- We had a wonderful World Book Day, sharing our favourite stories together. It was lovely to see all the fantastic costumes!
- Science Week – our Early Birds conducted lots of fun experiments during Science Week, there were experiments of dancing raisins in lemonade, making rainbows from Skittles and watching mints fizz in fizzy drinks! We also made experiments with different magnets and lots of sensory play.
- Our March Saturday Group was a big success. The children spent time using screwdrivers and screws on potatoes. This was so popular that we provided this experience in our weekday sessions too! There is no Saturday Group in April, but this will be back again in May.
- We raised £40.10 for Comic Relief, so a big thank you to those of you that donated. We had a fantastic party day with a red theme – wearing red, red face painting and sensory play, a disco and lots of games including roll the ball, pass the lemon, musical statues and musical jumps. The children enjoyed a treat biscuit along with our usual healthy fruit and veg snack.
- The nursery children enjoyed a lovely trip to L'Artista Pizzeria this week. They created their own pizzas and enjoyed ice cream after. Thank you to our parent helpers who came along too. Our pre-school children also had fun making pizzas back at the setting – there were some very colourful creations!
- We are delighted to welcome Keshisha to our team, who has joined us as our Special Educational Needs Support Worker for this year's cohort.

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please  
don't forget!

## September Places

If you are staying with us in September, please accept your offered place by

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

After this time we will open up our waiting list and you may not be able to get the hours you want.

***We will be contacting our waiting list families during May.***

## Fees

Please be aware that from September 2022 our fees for children aged 3+ will increase to £6 an hour.

2-year-olds will remain at £6 per hour.

## Ukraine Collection

Thank you to those of you that donated to our collection for Ukraine

These items have now been delivered to aid Ukrainian refugees

## Saturday Group

Our next group will be on

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**9.30-11.30am**

Please email if you would like a place

## Mothers' Day Gift

We hope you loved your Mothers' Day bulbs. Please do send us a photo of them once they have flowered, we would love to see them! After they have finished flowering, the bulbs can be planted outside to enjoy again next year. If you do not want the flowerpots, please return these to us so we can use them again.

## Parking

We appreciate that drop off and collection can sometimes be a bit frantic, but please be considerate to others when using our car park. Please make sure you park within the parking bays and try not to take up more than one space!



We have been made aware that some cars are left with their engines running in the car park. Please switch your engine off when collecting or dropping off.

Thank you!

## Bump to Head

Please let us know when your child has had a bump to the head so we can look out for signs of concussion. If your child sustains any injury away from the setting, we will ask you to complete an Existing Injury Form. We will continue to complete accident forms should your child have an accident when they are with us

## Sun Protection

We have been experiencing some lovely early warm weather recently! Just a reminder that children should be provided with a sun hat for the summer term. Children that stay with us all day also need to bring sunscreen with them. Please make sure these items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Wishing you  
all a lovely  
Easter break  
from  
The Early Bird  
Team xxx

## The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

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