## The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



# May 2021



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Summer 2021	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> July	31st May – 4th June	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – closed bank holiday
Autumn 2021	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept — Open morning (for new starters only) Fri 3rd 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

### **Dates for your diary:**

#### **Summer Term 2021**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 – 11.30am

adult)

**Autumn Term 2021** 

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021, 9.30 – 11.30am

Photographer

End of term party (all children invited accompanied by an

Christmas Party (all children invited accompanied by an adult)

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



The weather has certainly kept us on our toes this half term! We've had rain, hail and thunder but we have still had lots of fun outside jumping in the lovely big bubbly puddle

We have also had lots of indoor fun too! Potion making has been very popular (we would love any natural resources for the children to use). We have been painting inside and out using lots of one handed tools such as scrubbing brushes, potato mashers and doing lots of colour mixing and exploring it with our hands. We have been enjoying lots of construction play to help develop our fine and gross motor skills

**Transitions** We have invited all teachers to visit us in our outdoor classroom to support transitions and are busy getting reports ready for our school leavers.

**Ducklings** We had such a lovely time with our ducklings! The children learnt how to hold them gently and carefully and loved seeing them grow and learn to swim! Everyone contributed to naming them and we called them Lemonade, Strawberry, Ruby, Rusty and Harry. We were sad to say goodbye but we know they will be happy growing up on their farm.

Smile Week This week we have been learning all about dental hygiene as part of the Oral Health Foundation 'Smile Month'. The children have been playing dentists for role play and learning all about how important it is to look after our teeth with a huge set of teeth loaned to us from the Family Centre. They have had goody bags to take home to support their learning.

**Obstacle Course** A big thank you to you and your friends and families for sponsoring our Early Birds to conquer the obstacle course last week. They all did so well and enjoyed balancing, throwing and jumping their way around the car park. It was lovely to see the children cheering each other on! This money will be used for our end of term party on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (more details to follow!)

Have a lovely term!
The Early Bird Pre-School xx



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#### **New Office Number**



If you would likeo call the office, the new number is

### 01462 673859

The main contact number has not changed (07907 860991)

### 30 Hours Funding

The HMRC eligibility checker for funding is available at <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a>
If you are eligible you will be issued with an 11 digit code, please email or bring it to the setting with your national insurance numbers as soon as possible.

#### **Spare Trousers Needed!**

We have shortage of spare trousers, so if you have any spare trousers lying around (particularly for boys) we would be really grateful to have them!







#### **Sun Protection**

We hope summer will put in an appearance after half term! Please ensure your child attends their session with sun cream applied, and that they wear: <u>suitable cool clothing that covers their shoulders - no strappy dresses/tops!</u>

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

<u>no flip flops</u> - closed toe sandals only please! They will also require a named summer hat.



- Please make sure your child has spare socks in their bag – really important with the rain we've been having and the puddle jumping the children have been enjoying!
- Please remember to label Tupperware pots, drink bottles and lunch boxes.
- Invoices for next term will be sent out on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June and payment is due by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. These are sent out by email, so please make sure we have an up to date email address.

## Change of Contact Details

PLEASE remember to inform us if you have a new address, phone or mobile number.





## Find us on Facebook

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

### Holiday club cancelled

We are disappointed that we will not be able to run summer holiday club this year, but as there is still some uncertainty over restrictions and the possibility of limited numbers it sadly isn't viable for us. We hope to run holiday clubs next year

### The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

Natasha - Director & Early Years Manager	Ebony - Early Years Leader	
Syreta - Early Years Deputy & SENCO	Kirstie -Snr Early Years Practitioner, H&S officer	
<b>Kerry</b> – Early Years Practitioner	Sarah - Early Years Practitioner	
Nick - Early Years Practitioner	Gemma - Early Years Practitioner	
Katherine - Administrator		