

# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



## May 2023



| Term        | Dates  | Half Term                                    | Setting Closed **   |
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| Autumn 2022 | Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – closed, staff training<br>Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas party, no sessions      |
| Spring 2023 | Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March     | 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – closed, staff training<br>Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – closed, staff training    |
| Summer 2023 | Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July | 29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May – closed, bank holiday<br>Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May – closed, coronation bank holiday |

### Dates for your diary:

#### Summer Term 2023

- Throughout June
  - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June
  - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July
  - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July
  - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July
- School teacher visits
  - Morning visit to Standalone Farm Visit (no normal sessions)
  - Nursery Graduation, 2.00pm
  - Last day of term
  - Summer Party

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

There has been a very royal theme to this term to mark the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. The children have been very busy making crown shaped biscuits with jelly jewels, decorating paper crowns with loose parts, making salt dough crowns, union jack flags and exploring red, white and blue rice. We have also been sharing stories about the coronation.

We've also managed to fit in lots of other activities and experiences too such as sand play and bubble play and enjoying the puddles!

We were lucky to have a visit from the local fire engine unit. The children got to try on the uniform, explore the fire engine and particularly loved spraying the hose!

We had our annual chick hatching experience a couple of weeks ago. There were 4 chicks that hatched, all were quite different in size and colour. The children named them Ginger, Blocks, Sparkle and Scrambled Egg! They loved watching them grow and especially liked giving them cuddles. Thank you to you all for your treasure hunt sponsorship money that made the experience possible.

Thanks to your generosity, we also had enough sponsor money left over to buy some smart new bikes for the outdoor area which have proved very popular.

We have been busy in the garden planting sunflowers, pumpkins, herbs, peppers, lettuce, radishes, carrots, beetroot, marigolds and lupins. The children have been helping water and care for them and we are looking forward to seeing them grow!

We have had a lot of caterpillars this year, so the children have seen them at every stage of their development, from tiny caterpillar through to chrysalis and butterfly. One batch of butterflies has already been released in our garden.



### Standalone Farm Visit

We are looking forward to our visit to Standalone Farm on

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

If you would like to come along, please return your slip with correct payment by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**



Please note the Pre-School will be closed on this day

### Graduation

We will be saying goodbye to our nursery children with a graduation ceremony on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm**  
An invitation will be sent out to our nursery parents after half term.



There will be a special activity arranged for the children that aren't involved in the graduation.

**Don't forget!**

### Polite Reminder

Please remember to provide your child with spare clothes (particularly socks and trousers) to be kept in their drawstring bag and please return any spare clothes that your child may have been sent home in.

### Saturday Family Group

Dates for our last 2 Saturday Groups of the year are: **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, both 9.30am-11.30am**  
Please email to book a place



### Wish List

We would be very grateful for the following donations:

- \*Tea bags - any variety\*
- \*Rice\*
- \*Herbs and spices (fresh or dried)\*
- \*Collage materials\*



### Car Park Safety

When walking to and from the setting, please keep yourselves safe by using the path rather than walking across the car park.



### Snails

Are you able to offer one of our snails a home over the summer holiday? They are very easy to care for and we will provide a sheet to help you. We may be able to arrange swaps with other parents if you can't do the whole 6 weeks.

Please email us if you can have one.



### Planned Trips for next term...

- Pizza making at L'Artista (nursery children)
  - Walk to St Catherine's Nursing Home
  - Walk to Icknield School Forest School
  - Visit from Mr Whippy Ice Cream Van
- More details to follow soon!



## 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

**Kerry** – Early Years Educator

**Sarah** - Early Years Educator

**Nick** - Early Years Educator

**Hayley** – Early Years Educator

**Maisie** – Early Years Helper

**Katherine** – Finance Manager

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