

# The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



## October 2021



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	Thus 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:

#### Autumn Term 2021

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> am & Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Oct pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am & Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.30am

- Visit from Cookie the cat
- Visit from Hettie's Hedgehogs
- Autumn dress up day
- Photographer
- Saturday Family Group
- Children in Need Spots and Pyjamas Day
- Visit from PCSO with police car
- Christmas Party



#### Spring Term 2022

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Dates TBC

- World Book Day – dress up as book character
- Easter Holiday Club

#### Summer Term 2022

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Dates TBC

- morning visit to Standalone Farm (setting closed)
- Summer Party
- Summer Holiday Club

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

*It has been lovely to welcome back our Early Birds and to have lots of new friends join us this term! They have all settled in so well and it has been lovely seeing them build new friendships. Please remember if you ever want to talk to your child's key person, just email, call or message us and we will get this arranged for you.*

**Apples** Julia and Glyn from Transition Town Letchworth visited us with their apple pressing machine. The children were very interested in watching the apples go in and come out as apple juice which was delicious! The children have been having experiences with the remaining apples such as apple printing, making pretend apple crumble with oats, crazy foam and glitter and rolling apples down guttering and in paint. We have also enjoyed a story about apple picking. Thank you to all the parents that donated apples for these experiences.

**Pumpkins** We have been exploring pumpkins and enjoying lots of pumpkin play such as painting on pumpkins, making pretend pumpkin soup, putting sticks in them and rolling them in paint and using hammer and nails on them. We have also been looking at the inside of a pumpkin and at pumpkin seeds. Soon we shall roast some seeds and taste them.

**Maple the Rabbit** thank you to the family that brought Maple to visit the children, they enjoyed lots of cuddles and loved feeling and brushing the soft fur and seeing her twitching nose!

**Autumn Walks** A big thank you to the parents that joined us for our lovely autumn walks. We really rely on your support for these outings and the children always love to have an adventure in the areas around them. Our Early Birds loved exploring and collecting autumn treasures in their bags to explore back at our setting, especially the autumn leaves and conkers.

**More Furry Friends** The children had a lovely visit from Ebony's cat, Cookie, on Friday. This week we are looking forward to welcoming Hettie's Hedgehog Rescue and learning all about hedgehogs. Any cat food donations would be gratefully received by the charity, please bring to the setting by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.





Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Early Birds with Easyfundraising. If you haven't signed up yet it's easy and completely FREE! 5,600 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping. Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share today: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earlybirdsletchworth/?invite=3AD16S&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_source=ew5sharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/earlybirdsletchworth/?invite=3AD16S&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=ew5sharebox)

### School Reception Places

If your child was born between September 2017 and August 2018, they will be moving to school reception in September 2022. Applications open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November and the deadline for on-time applications is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Click on the link below for more information [school admissions](#)



### Photographer

We are being visited by Jenner McKay James Photography on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday and you would like a photo please contact us for an appointment

For more information visit [www.jennermackayjames.com](http://www.jennermackayjames.com)

### 2 Year Checks

We will be starting our 2 year checks shortly. You will be given a copy of this to put in your child's red book that can be shared with your health visitor or other professional if needed.

### Labels

Please ensure all your child's items are named, particularly tupperware boxes/snack containers and drink bottles

### Saturday Outdoor Play & Exploration Group

Our next group is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am**

This session is for just for our current families and those on our waiting list.

**Places must be booked. If you would like to come along please email us to book a space.**

We provide different experiences and children can use the equipment in our outdoor classroom.

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Only 1 adult per child please

### COVID/Other Illnesses

**COVID** if your child displays any COVID symptoms (cough, temperature, change to taste/smell) please keep them away from the setting and arrange a PCR test.

**Sickness and/or diarrhoea** – your child must stay at home for 48 hours *after* the last episode

**High temperature** – please keep at home for 48 hours after a high temperature and arrange a PCR test

**Antibiotics** If your child has been prescribed antibiotics please keep them at home for the first 24 hours while taking them to ensure there are no adverse reactions

*Thank you for your continued support to keep us all safe*

### Donations

We would love the following donations please Conkers, pumpkins, pinecones, herbs, lentils, pasta, couscous, coffee beans, crazy foam, china teacups, flour, cornflour, rice.



Thank you!



### Pet Visits

We have enjoyed meeting some furry friends this term. If you have a (placid!) pet we would love to meet them! Please contact us so we can arrange a risk assessment beforehand.

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## 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

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**Sarah** - Early Years Educator

**Nick** - Early Years Educator

**Gemma** - Early Years Educator

**Katherine** - Administrator