



Bushes Early Learning & Childcare Class Newsletter - September 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the start of session 2020-2021. We would like to welcome everyone back to our ELC class after a very different summer holiday - it is lovely to have the children back with us! The children have settled extremely well and are a credit to you all. If there are any aspects of the ELC class you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by phone, email or via Seesaw.

Staff News

We would like to welcome Amy Fraser to our team. Amy will be keyworker for the red group. Sarah is currently keyworker for our yellow group. We recently had Mel Brookes join us on a temporary basis. Mel has returned to her substantive post and Ann Marie Frisk joined us on Monday 31st August.



Physical Activity/Outdoor Clothing

Within our ELC we like to ensure that your child has the opportunity to take part in a range of physical activities on a daily basis. Each day there are indoor and outdoor activities planned. We would ask that your child has suitable clothing with them each day as the children will play outside daily unless the weather is extremely bad. Children should also wear shoes, both within and out with the ELC, which allow them to be active. The children have been issued with their own outdoor kit. Can we please ask that they bring their kit to the ELC daily. In line with council policy, children cannot wear **any** jewellery especially earrings when involved in physical activity.

Annual Data/Consent Forms

To allow your child to participate in certain activities it is essential that we have your consent. We would ask that you return these forms to us as soon as possible.

Medication

Can we please remind you that no medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) can be given voluntarily to your child by ELC staff without your prior written agreement. Completed forms should be returned to the ELC class as soon as possible.

ELC Fund - Term 1 is 9 weeks long

Our voluntary nursery fund is £3.50 per week for children who attend five sessions (£31.50). This money is used for a variety of purposes such as buying food for snacks and baking ingredients, treats for the children, new resources, printing of photographs etc. In line with council policy, can we please ask you to pay all funds via your Parent Pay account. Thank you.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 25 September - Holiday

Monday 28 September - Holiday

Monday 12 - Friday 16 October - Holiday

Monday 19 October - In-Service Day

Tuesday 20 October - Pupils Return

Monday 30 November - Holiday



Allergies/Lunches

Can we please ask parents to avoid all food containing nuts, peas, lentils and egg when selecting food for packed lunches. If you are providing grapes, it would be helpful to have them cut in half to avoid unnecessary choking hazards. We are sure you will agree the safety of all our children is of paramount importance. Thank you for your understanding.

Keep us informed

Please let us know if you change address, have a new telephone number or want to update your emergency contact details. We would also ask that you contact us if your child is going to be absent. If we are not informed, in line with school policy, we will contact you to establish the reason for absence.



Need to talk!

At Bushes ELCC we pride ourselves on the good relationships that we have with parents. If, for any reason, you want to talk to any of the staff we can arrange an appointment by telephone (due to current restrictions) for you to speak with a staff member.

You can contact us by phoning 0300 300 0149.

Hand Washing

Children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We teach them when they should wash their hands and how best to get them really clean. We would appreciate your support by reinforcing the importance of hand washing at home.



Fire Drills

All children will take part in a fire drill this term. It is essential that all our children participate in these drills each term. We will talk to the children prior to their first drill to ensure that they know what is happening when the siren goes and what they should do when they hear it. This should stop children from being alarmed when the siren goes.



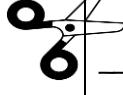
If there is anything you would like us to include in our next newsletter then please let us know.

Regards,

Donna, Margaret, Kerry, Angie, Barbara, Sharon, Sarah, Amy, Lauren & Rachael

PARENTS/CARERS COMMENTS SLIP

Please remember to share your children's achievements from home with us. All of our children have settled in to the nursery routine and are enjoying being with their friends again!

 I would like more information about _____

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____