

Forehill Early Years Centre

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Staffing Update

We are delighted to have appointed Samantha Fraser to cover the post of Louisa Davidson in the Daisy Room pending all checks.

Unfortunately, there was no preferred candidate for the Lime Group so Jennifer will remain as the keyworker for consistency, supported by our Senior EYP Toni. Chloe W post will be interviewed over the next few weeks as her last day will be Thursday 2nd April 2026.

Joanna (Blue Group) and Rhona (Little Nest) are off on long term at the moment. Our Senior EYP Vicky will cover the blue group until Joanna returns, and Kerry has been in the Little Nest to cover.



Coffee & Chat

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Thank you! To the parents who supported our first ever Coffee and Chat morning with Kimberly. It was extremely helpful to gather views surrounding communication and updates. We discussed Brilliant Books, Learning Journals, and our new glow blog. Parents are keen for a balance between learning journals and more regular updates that parents can access daily/weekly. We have agreed to put a poll out about these. Our next Coffee and Chat group will be **Friday 20th March at 9am**. Please come along and share your views.

Lunchtime Pick up (12.35-12.45)

On Monday the 9th of March we are starting our new rolling lunch routine which provides children to eat in smaller groups, in a calm nurturing environment while other children can return to the playroom to play once they are finished their lunch. Can parents and carers of children who finish their session after lunch **please collect from the front main entrance** door where staff will meet you to greet your child.

Elaine – PEEP Sessions

Elaine from the Early Years Family Learning Team will be starting her new block of PEEP sessions on Thursday 5th March for 4 weeks, with a focus on developing early literacy skills through fine motor and pre-writing skills. There is a sign-up sheet at the front office but please feel free to join at any time!

EYC New Vision and Values



We look forward to sharing our new mascot home link bags with your child to help support them to understand the meaning of our new values. Right now, the children are deciding on the names of our new mascots and once the final vote is complete, we aim to send these home over the next few months. Families should capture any fun and learning that has taken place during their stay in their mascots very own Brilliant Book!

Wider Achievements

This year we will not be attending swimming lessons for pre-school children. This is not a decision we have made easily however the safety of all children is always paramount. There are a few factors impacting this decision including staffing, PVG'd parent helpers, guidelines from Citadel and no longer having the use of the gymnasium for children who are not in the pool.

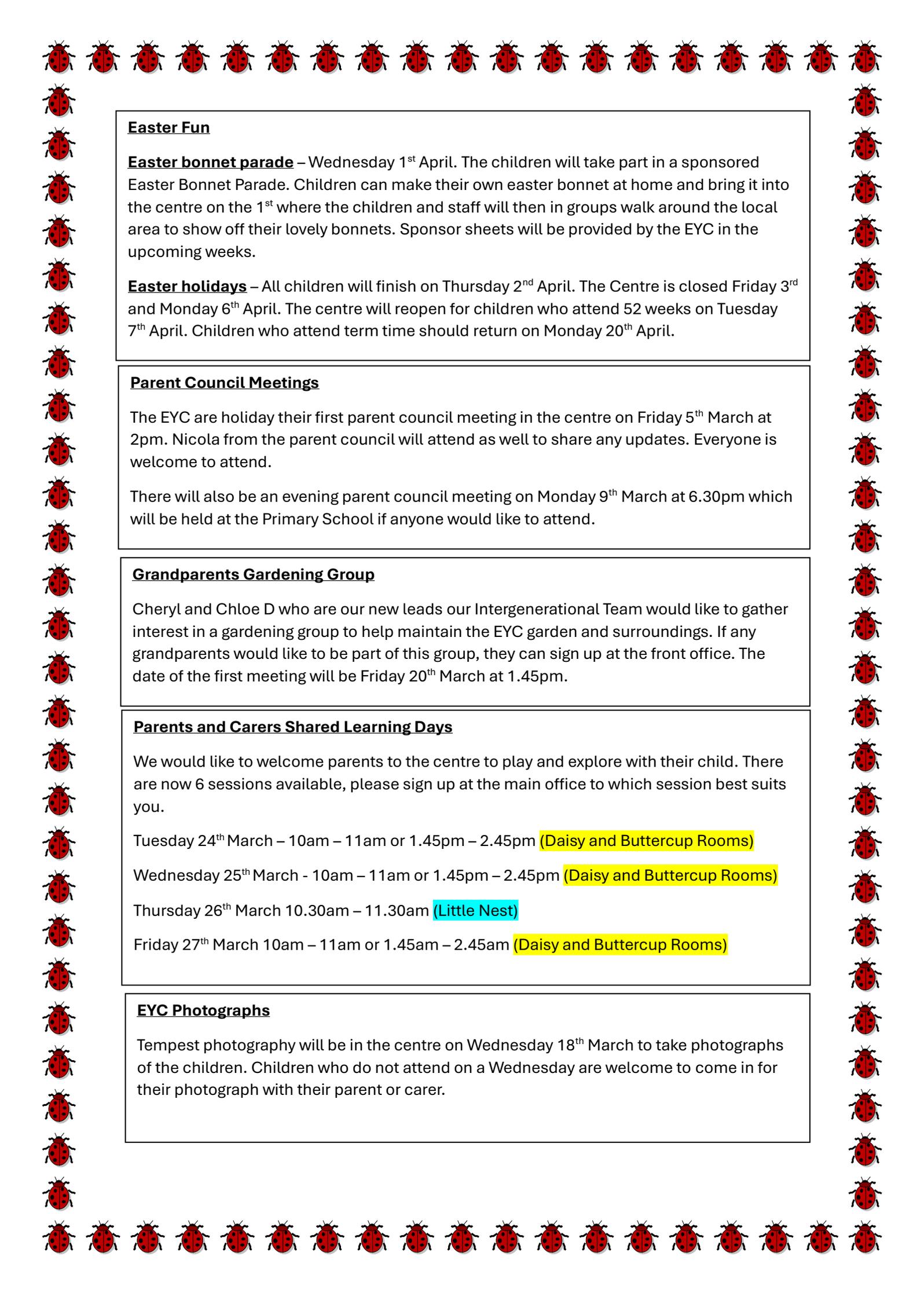
To ensure all children in the centre still have the opportunity to take part in wider experiences we are in the process of booking block sessions with Senjokai Karate Academy, Ayr United Football Academy and we are also enquiring with South Ayrshire Gymnastics and local dance schools.

Thank you for understanding.

Donations

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Digital leadership team are looking for donations to further develop this area throughout the centre. If you have any of the following, could you drop them into the centre:

Old telephones (not mobiles), clocks, scales, nuts, bolts, screws, curtain hooks/rings, raw plugs, buttons, bottle tops, tinker trays, shells, string, or pebbles.



Easter Fun

Easter bonnet parade – Wednesday 1st April. The children will take part in a sponsored Easter Bonnet Parade. Children can make their own easter bonnet at home and bring it into the centre on the 1st where the children and staff will then in groups walk around the local area to show off their lovely bonnets. Sponsor sheets will be provided by the EYC in the upcoming weeks.

Easter holidays – All children will finish on Thursday 2nd April. The Centre is closed Friday 3rd and Monday 6th April. The centre will reopen for children who attend 52 weeks on Tuesday 7th April. Children who attend term time should return on Monday 20th April.

Parent Council Meetings

The EYC are holding their first parent council meeting in the centre on Friday 5th March at 2pm. Nicola from the parent council will attend as well to share any updates. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will also be an evening parent council meeting on Monday 9th March at 6.30pm which will be held at the Primary School if anyone would like to attend.

Grandparents Gardening Group

Cheryl and Chloe D who are our new leads our Intergenerational Team would like to gather interest in a gardening group to help maintain the EYC garden and surroundings. If any grandparents would like to be part of this group, they can sign up at the front office. The date of the first meeting will be Friday 20th March at 1.45pm.

Parents and Carers Shared Learning Days

We would like to welcome parents to the centre to play and explore with their child. There are now 6 sessions available, please sign up at the main office to which session best suits you.

Tuesday 24th March – 10am – 11am or 1.45pm – 2.45pm (Daisy and Buttercup Rooms)

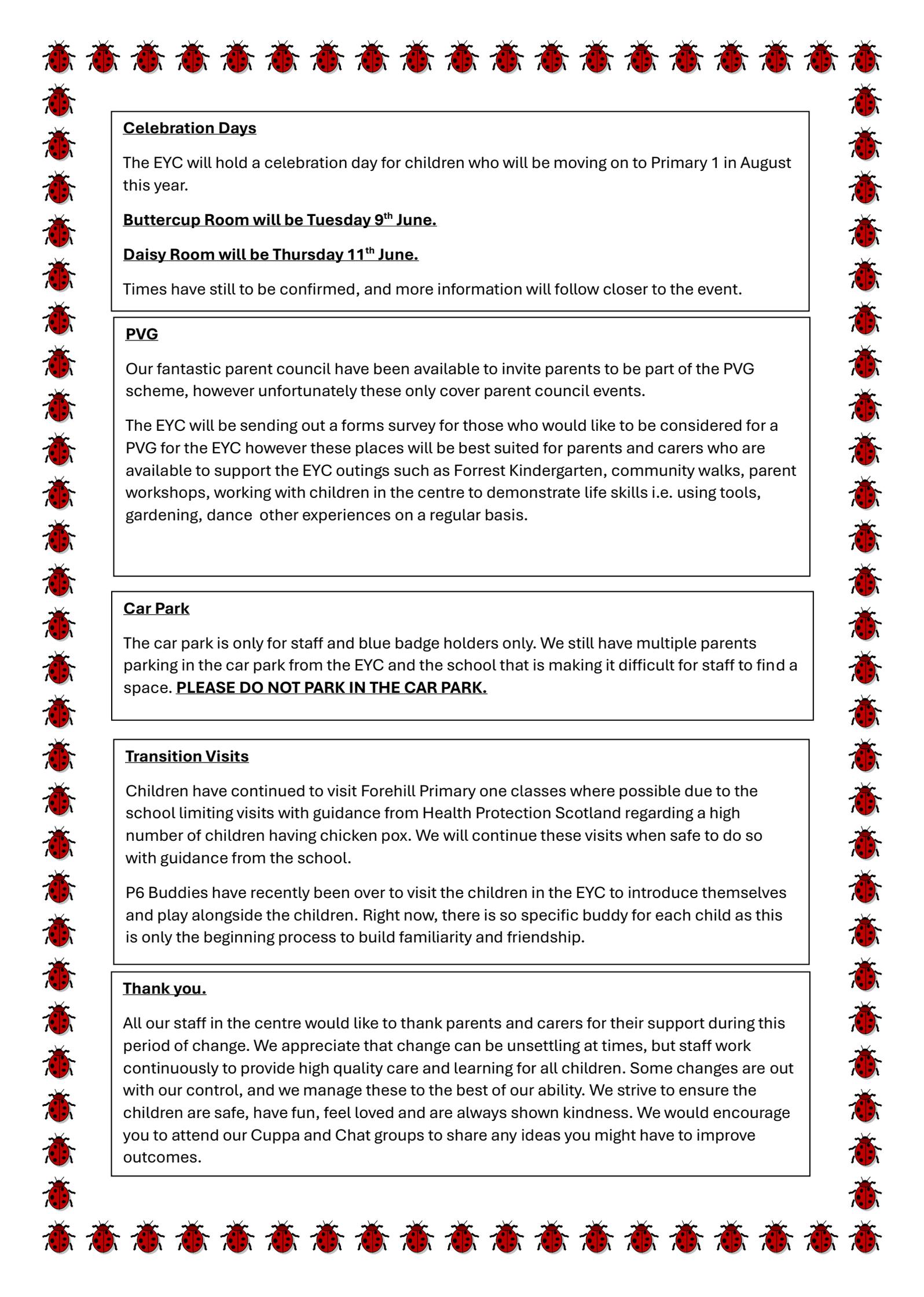
Wednesday 25th March - 10am – 11am or 1.45pm – 2.45pm (Daisy and Buttercup Rooms)

Thursday 26th March 10.30am – 11.30am (Little Nest)

Friday 27th March 10am – 11am or 1.45am – 2.45am (Daisy and Buttercup Rooms)

EYC Photographs

Tempest photography will be in the centre on Wednesday 18th March to take photographs of the children. Children who do not attend on a Wednesday are welcome to come in for their photograph with their parent or carer.



Celebration Days

The EYC will hold a celebration day for children who will be moving on to Primary 1 in August this year.

Buttercup Room will be Tuesday 9th June.

Daisy Room will be Thursday 11th June.

Times have still to be confirmed, and more information will follow closer to the event.

PVG

Our fantastic parent council have been available to invite parents to be part of the PVG scheme, however unfortunately these only cover parent council events.

The EYC will be sending out a forms survey for those who would like to be considered for a PVG for the EYC however these places will be best suited for parents and carers who are available to support the EYC outings such as Forrest Kindergarten, community walks, parent workshops, working with children in the centre to demonstrate life skills i.e. using tools, gardening, dance other experiences on a regular basis.

Car Park

The car park is only for staff and blue badge holders only. We still have multiple parents parking in the car park from the EYC and the school that is making it difficult for staff to find a space. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR PARK.**

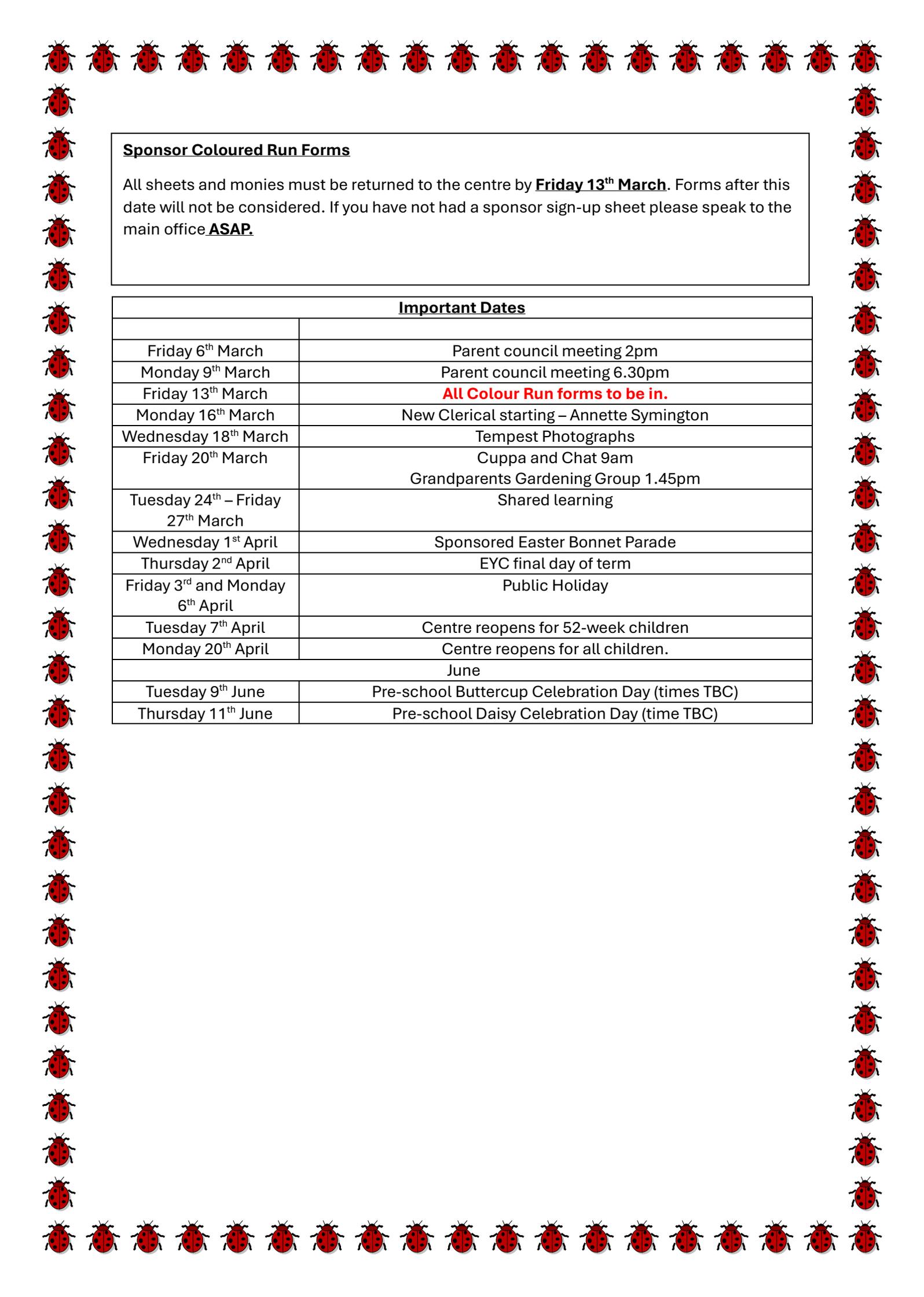
Transition Visits

Children have continued to visit Forehill Primary one classes where possible due to the school limiting visits with guidance from Health Protection Scotland regarding a high number of children having chicken pox. We will continue these visits when safe to do so with guidance from the school.

P6 Buddies have recently been over to visit the children in the EYC to introduce themselves and play alongside the children. Right now, there is no specific buddy for each child as this is only the beginning process to build familiarity and friendship.

Thank you.

All our staff in the centre would like to thank parents and carers for their support during this period of change. We appreciate that change can be unsettling at times, but staff work continuously to provide high quality care and learning for all children. Some changes are out with our control, and we manage these to the best of our ability. We strive to ensure the children are safe, have fun, feel loved and are always shown kindness. We would encourage you to attend our Cuppa and Chat groups to share any ideas you might have to improve outcomes.



Sponsor Coloured Run Forms

All sheets and monies must be returned to the centre by **Friday 13th March**. Forms after this date will not be considered. If you have not had a sponsor sign-up sheet please speak to the main office **ASAP**.

Important Dates

Friday 6 th March	Parent council meeting 2pm
Monday 9 th March	Parent council meeting 6.30pm
Friday 13 th March	All Colour Run forms to be in.
Monday 16 th March	New Clerical starting – Annette Symington
Wednesday 18 th March	Tempest Photographs
Friday 20 th March	Cuppa and Chat 9am Grandparents Gardening Group 1.45pm
Tuesday 24 th – Friday 27 th March	Shared learning
Wednesday 1 st April	Sponsored Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 2 nd April	EYC final day of term
Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th April	Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 th April	Centre reopens for 52-week children
Monday 20 th April	Centre reopens for all children.
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Tuesday 9 th June	Pre-school Buttercup Celebration Day (times TBC)
Thursday 11 th June	Pre-school Daisy Celebration Day (time TBC)