



The Beehive Childcare Group

Newsletter: May 2018

We hope that you are all enjoying this half term and are looking forward to all the fun things that we have planned for the rest of the term.

Pre-School

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 7th May – Beehive closed for bank holiday

Wed 16th May – Open Day for September intake

Thurs 17th May – Hive trip to The Hawthorns

Wed 23rd May – Hive trip to local bank and shops

Fri 25th May – Pre-school closes for half term

Mon 4th Jun – Pre-school reopens

Wed 13th Jun - Hive trip to The Plantation Garden

Thurs 21st Jun – Hive trip to The Hawthorns

Fri 22nd Jun – Summer Fayre

Wed 27th Jun – Sports day (Hive only, am)

Thurs 5th Jul – Hive trip to What the Ladybird Heard at Norwich Playhouse

Mon 16th Jul – Art Exhibition and Graduation (Hive only)

Tues 24th Jul – End of year party with entertainer
Pre-school closes for the summer

Thurs 6th Sept – Pre-school reopens for the Autumn term

100% Attendance

Last term some of the children had 100% attendance and this is a great achievement. As a reward these children will be enjoying a morning of biscuit decorating and a small tea party. Any children that receive 100% attendance for this term will be receive a similar treat at the start of next term. Keep up the good attendance!



New Staff

This term we are pleased to welcome three new staff members to our team. Each of them has a wealth of experience and a real passion for working with children. Karen joins us with 18 years' experience of working with children. She has a level 3 qualification, along with Speech and Language. Elaine has worked with children in both Canada and the UK for the last 20 years. She has a BA in Developmental Study and Sociology, and an Early Childhood Care and Education certificate. Kareemah has worked in a variety of childcare jobs in Norwich and abroad. She has a level 3 qualification and 10 years' experience. They are all enjoying being part of the Beehive team, and we are sure that you will join us in welcoming them

Toilet Training

If you are ready to start toilet training your child and would like some help, then we now have support bags available for you to borrow. Each bag contains a doll, a potty, and a toilet training story. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to borrow one.



Warm Weather

As we keep our fingers crossed for the sunshine and warmer weather, please can we remind everyone to make sure that their child is dressed appropriately for pre-school. Shoulders should be covered to keep them protected, and all shoes and sandals should be closed-toe to keep little feet safe. Crocs are not suitable for pre-school. Don't forget to apply your sun cream and wear your sun hats!



Hawthorns

Last term the children in the Hive visited The Hawthorns to sing for the residents. Both the children and the residents enjoyed the experience and we are now planning on making this a regular visit. Each half term a small group of children will go to The Hawthorns to take part in an activity. This half term it will be modelling with scented dough, and next half term it will be large scale painting.

Kinchen Hall

Some of our families may have noticed that the hall has recently been renamed as Kinchen Hall. This has been done in memory of Peter Kinchen who sadly passed away last year. Peter was a very active member of Christchurch, and spent a number of years as caretaker at the hall. Renaming the hall was a fitting tribute to a very generous man, who was a pillar of the community, and still very sadly missed.

Out of School Clubs

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 7th May – Beehive closed for Bank Holiday

Fri 25th May – Beehive closes for half term

Mon 4th Jun – Beehive reopens

Fri 22nd Jun – Summer Fayre

Wed 4th Jul – Year 6 leavers meal

Tues 24th Jul – Last day of term.

Thurs 6th Sept – First day of the Autumn term

ASC Snack

Beehive is part of the Foodshare initiative which redistributes fresh food that would be disposed of, to local charities, in a bid to reduce waste. We use this food to offer a range of snacks for the children who attend After School Club. As we do not know what we will be receiving until the day it is not possible for us to plan the snack in advance. Please encourage your child to try the snacks that are on offer, as they are not always keen to try new foods, and can be surprised when they do like something new.



Well Done

We would like to take this opportunity to let all of our families know how impressed we have been with the relationship between the older and younger children at After School Club. The older children have a lot of time for the younger children, are very good at helping them, and relaxing the rules during games if the younger ones are struggling. We are really proud of all the children, keep up the good work!

Baby Wipes

If your child is still in nappies then please remember to put baby wipes into their pre-school bag. Thank you for your support.

Grapes

Please remember to cut up your child's grapes to avoid the risk of choking.

Fundraising – Summer Fayre

In June we will be having a Summer Fayre, with lots of fun and games planned for everyone. If anyone would like to be involved with fundraising by helping on the day or with preparation before the event, then please speak to Tina or contact Hannah at han2801@gmail.com.



6pm Finish

From Monday 4th June After School Club will no longer be offering a 6pm finish time. The later finishing time has not been as successful as we had hoped it to be, and it is no longer viable for us to continue to offer this as an option. We will continue to be registered until 6pm, and should demand increase in the future then we would look to reinstate the later finish. If a family is in dire need of a later finish time on occasions, or in an emergency, then we will try to accommodate this.



Holiday Club

Whitsun Half Term – Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June

Summer Holidays – Wed 25th July – Fri 27th July
Mon 30th July – Fri 3rd Aug
Mon 6th Aug – Fri 10th Aug
Mon 13th Aug – Fri 17th Aug
Mon 20th Aug – Fri 24th Aug
Tues 28th Aug – Fri 31st Aug
Mon 3rd Sept – Wed 5th Sept

Half day sessions 8.30am-1pm / 1pm-5.30pm

Full day sessions - 8.30am-5.30pm

Cost for Easter holiday club:

£14 per half day, £25 per full day.

(20% discount for second sibling attending the same (session).

