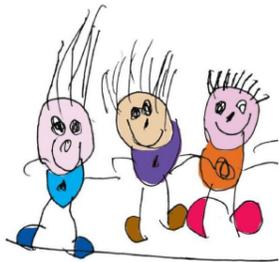


POLITE REMINDER

Please can parents and carers inform Tracey or Sara in the office of any holidays you plan to take, changes to your child's meal choices or any allergies. This helps us to ensure that the information is logged correctly and records kept up to date.

Parents are entitled to take up to 4 weeks holiday in term time without this affecting their Free Early Learning claim. However, if parents choose to take holidays they will still be invoiced for their non FEL hours.



Going to Primary School—September 2016

All of our children who will be moving to primary school in September will have the opportunity to make a transition bag over the next few weeks. A transition bag is made from a strong paper bag and decorated by your child. The idea is that the child and their family fill the box/bag with 'treasures' that are important to the child. The bag is then taken to their new school so that the child has something real and relevant and very personal to them to talk to peers and adults about.

The reception class teachers from many of our feeder schools will also be coming to see the children at Nursery over the coming weeks.

30 Hours Free Early Learning

All 3 and 4 year olds in England are entitled to 15 hours Free Early Learning (FEL) per week in term time (this is known as the Universal Offer). From September 2017, many working parents of 3 and 4 year olds will be eligible for an additional 14 hours FEL, this is known as Extended Free Entitlement or 30 Hours Free Childcare. This applies to both children already at nursery and those 3 year olds starting in September. Sheffield Directory's FEL page for parents has been updated, including a link for parents to apply for the Extended FEL hours (the "30 Hours" offer).

<http://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/kb5/sheffield/directory/advice.page?id= dg8Dvvgg5Zc>

We will shortly be giving a leaflet about the 30 hour FEL to all of our families returning in September. This will explain in detail how you can use the either the 15 or 30 hours FEL at Broomhall and related changes to our pricing structure. **Importantly, if you think you might be eligible for the 30 hour offer and wish to use it at Broomhall Nursery in September you will need to apply online and let us have your eligibility code before 31st August.**

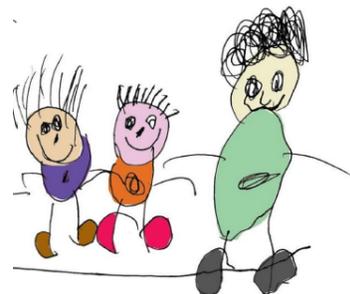
Please make sure you let us know which school your child will be attending.

Children going to Primary School in September will have their last day at nursery on Friday 21 July. If your child will be leaving before the end of term please make sure you inform Tracey or Sara in the main office.

ALL INVOICES will need to be settled before the end of term.

Many Infant and Primary Schools have a transition period during the first two weeks of term. During this time the schools may organise home visits and visits into school. It is common place for

new children not to start full or part-time attendance until the second or third week of September. Please check with your child's new school for specific details. Unfortunately we do not have provision for children starting school to return to nursery in September for these weeks.



BROOMHALL NURSERY NEWS

May 2017

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Important Dates

- 25 MAY: Zoolab (hands on animal handling session)
- 26 MAY: Chicks return to their farm
- 29 MAY-2 JUNE: Half Term Holiday
- 30 MAY-3 JUNE: Half Term Holiday
- 5 JUNE: Art Show Begins
- 14 JUNE: Parent Coffee Morning/Final Summer Fair Planning
- 19-23 JUNE: Parental Consultations
- 29 JUNE (9-10am): Phonics Info Session for Parents
- 1 JULY (12-2.30pm) : Summer Fair
- 3 JULY (1-2pm): Phonics Info Session for Parents
- 20 JULY: One World Day (Leavers Parade/Parents welcome)
- 21 JULY: Last day of term

Summer Fair—Saturday 1 July (12-2.30pm)

Our annual Summer Fair is one of the most exciting events in our calendar so make sure you save the date! The event is only made possible, however, by the hard work of our Governors and parents willing to give up a small amount of their time to help with the planning that takes place beforehand. If you are interested in getting involved in this years Summer Fair please try and come along to the Parent/Community Sub Committee Meeting on Wed 14 June at 9am. If you cannot attend but would still like to register your interest in helping out, please come and see Sara or Tracey in the office.

The Summer Fair is an important fund raising event and any monies raised on the

day go towards new creative resources for your children.

We appreciate that everyone's spare



time is valuable but if you can help in any way - either in the planning of the event or on the day on one of our stalls, then please let us know. Right now we are looking for a team of people to contact local shops and businesses to request raffle and tombola prizes. Could you spare an hour of your time to visit the shops on Ecclesall Road or

Sharrow Vale?

On the day we need help to set up the stalls, move tables and chairs and much more. Are you an expert face painter? The queues are always long for this popular activity so please volunteer for an hour of two if this is something you can do.

New for this year we are planning a "Food Art" competition. Can you model vegetables into something unusual, funny or breath-taking. Are you a star baker and could you create a 'show stopper'?

We also need good quality toys & books, raffle prizes, tombola stall donations, buns, biscuits, bread & cakes for our home baked stall, flower & veg plants (potted up please) for our plant stall, and just general help on the day. All help appreciated!

Phonics Workshops

Thursday 29 June @ 9am & Monday 3 July @ 1pm

Phonic information sessions have been arranged for **parents of children who will be leaving nursery to enter Primary School in September 2017**. Phonics is an important part of children's literacy development and is the beginning of learning to read.

If you have not picked up the letter about the sessions from your child's pigeon hole, don't worry, there is still time to sign up for one of the sessions. Places are limited so if the sessions are over subscribed we will endeavor to add another date/time. Just pop in to the office to register your interest.

Please can parents settling their childcare invoices by BACS remember to include their child's name (or the invoice number) as a reference with the payment. This will help Sara and Tracey to match the payment to your account more easily.



Arriving On Time

At nursery we have more relaxed routines than primary schools, particularly when it comes to dropping off children at the start of their sessions. This is because we recognise some parents have to drop older children at school before coming on to nursery. However we would appreciate parents taking every effort to drop their children at nursery before 9.10am in the morning or 1.10pm in the afternoon. This will ensure that children do not miss out on key learning opportunities. At the start of every session children make most use of the indoor continuous provision and staff are able to support and observe them in their activities. Children are able to settle before they go in to their formal group sessions at 9.30am or 1.30pm after which they are able to access the garden. It is hard for staff to support individual children who arrive late to their session, particularly if they are unsettled. This is because the staff are leading small group work. We would really appreciate your support in getting children to nursery on time - after all, it's good practice for school!

Group Photographs

Tempest Photography were in nursery on Wednesday 17 May to take photos of the children in their class groups. The photographs will be available to order after half-term at a cost of £13.00 each. We will be placing the order for the photos on Monday 19 June and the prints will be available to collect before the

end of term. These high quality photographs are a lovely record of your child's time here at Broomhall and of their nursery friends and teachers.



Art Show Monday 5 June onwards

The Broomhall Art Show has become a much enjoyed and anticipated annual event. The children have been busy in nursery creating their own unique 'pieces of art', using a range of medium including paint, clay, inks, fabric and lots of pva glue! We are producing a catalogue listing all the children's masterpieces; and just like in a real exhibition you can purchase

your child's artwork. All we ask is a small donation towards our school fund (which helps towards the cost of the materials we have used). The pieces of artwork will be put on display around the nursery during half term, and will be ready for you to view from Monday 5 June. The children are all very excited about being part of a 'real' art show and we hope

you will be proud of their wonderfully imaginative and creative art works.



One World Day Thursday 20 July (10.30am-11.30am)

One World Day is our end of year celebration when we say goodbye to our children who are going to school in September. There will be a carnival procession in the garden with musical accompaniment. Parents, friends and afternoon children

are invited to come along from 10.30am to 11.30am. Children may like to dress up in their favourite outfit. There will be a buffet of food from around the world and we hope you will all share a dish with us from your home country. If you can contribute a some food please pick up a menu card from the office to list all ingredients used in your dish (NO NUTS PLEASE).

Can we please remind parents that snacks containing NUTS in whatever form should NOT BE brought into nursery (including Peanut Butter and Nutella Chocolate Spread). We have a child who has a serious nut allergy.

Tesco Bags of Help Thank you for your support!

We are really pleased to tell you that we have raised £2,000 to create a magical sculpture out of the old beech tree stump on the boundary of the nursery garden. Tesco Bags of Help scheme announced last week that we have won £1,000 in the public voting. Thank you to all of our friends and families who put their blue tokens in our slot at Tesco stores around Sheffield. Last year our fundraising was kick started by Sheffield Town Trust and the J G Graves Charitable Foundation who both gave us grants of £500. We are very grateful for the support of these charities and hope to commission the tree carving to take place before our One World Day on Thursday 20 July.

