

Buttons and Bows Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring is nearly upon us and when the sun shines it feels like some warmer weather is just around the corner! It is hard to believe that the Easter holidays are just a few weeks away. We've had a busy spring term so far with lots of fun activities, including celebrating Chinese new year, pancake making, world book day fun, and lots lots more.

Don't forget to check our term dates over the next few weeks, there are a few bank holidays coming up and a staff training day where the Nursery will be closed. If you have any questions regarding this please let us know.

Thanks very much

Clair and the Buttons and Bows Staff Team

Staff News **Welcome to Nikki**, our new Admin Assistant. If you have any invoicing or payment queries please speak to Nikki. She will be in the office Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9am – 2pm during term time.

Welcome to Sam who has joined us as an Apprentice in the Preschool room.

Goodbye to Sarah D who left us in February to start on a new career opportunity in the Neonatal ward at Ipswich hospital.

Congratulations to Hollie who has been promoted to an EYE in Preschool following a successful apprenticeship with us and **Lisa** who has been appointed into a new role of Outdoor Practitioner.

Dates for your diaries

**Mon 25th March –
Preschool Easter Hunt
2.30pm – 3.30pm**

**Thurs 28th March – Toddlers
Easter Hunt 2.00pm –
3.00pm**

**Fri 29th March – Mother's
Day Breakfast. 8am –
9.30am.** Calling all Mothers, Grandmothers or special females in your child's life – start your day with a special Mother's Day treat.

**Mon 1st – Mon 22nd April –
Easter Holidays.** No funding during this time.

If your child is in over the holidays, please note the Nursery will be closed on the following days: **Fri 12th April (PD Day), Fri 19th April (Bank holiday) & Mon 22nd April (Bank holiday)**

**Sat 13th April – Babies
Easter Hunt 10am –
11.30pm**

**Tues 23rd April – First Day of
Summer Term**

Please check our noticeboard for additional dates.

Forest schools – The children have been really enjoying their forest time at Bridge wood on a Thursday. We have been making bugs out of clay, learning about growth and decay in the natural world and hunting for animal tracks. As well as all our usual fun and learning. Currently we are returning to the Nursery in time for lunch but after Easter we will be out in the Forest all day. We currently hold a waiting list for our Forest School sessions so if you would like to add your child to the list please let your key person know (children need to be 3 years and above).

Recycling Station– don't forget to keep an eye on our baskets in the hallway to see what items we are recycling this term. We really appreciate all your support so far with this.

Hatching Ducklings - we are very excited to announce we will be part of a project which enables children to watch eggs hatch into ducklings. This is great for the children to learn about life cycles and growth and development, but also really encourages social interaction and caring and nurturing skills. Exact dates to follow but the ducklings will be with us for 10 days before leaving us for a long and happy life at a free range farm.

Staff training – Lauren recently completed training to become an Ipswich Child Development Champion. This training is designed to help raise literacy and language, and social and emotional wellbeing. Lauren has been working with parents and staff to share what she learnt. 3 of our staff have also undertaken Elklan Training as part of a project we will be working on with some of our 2 year olds. Children involved in this project will be contacted separately.

Preschool Dance – The preschool children are loving their new dance sessions with Jigsaw Dance on a Wednesday morning. These sessions will run once a week until the end of term.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the Nursery, please contact Clair, the Room Senior or your Key person. For regular updates on the Nursery, please check the 'Buttons and Bows' & 'Bows and Arrows' Facebook page.



Healthy Lunches - We have noted a recent increase in the amount of sugary items in children's packed lunches and wish to remind families that we are a healthy eating setting. If you are stuck for ideas on Healthy lunchboxes then please collect one of our Healthy lunch suggestions in the hallway. Or visit: www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes

Please can we also remind parents not to put juice in babies bottles.

Do you or does your child's grandparent have any spare time? We are looking for volunteers to come in for about 30 minutes per week and read stories to the children. Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested.