

## November Newsletter



Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
November 4 <sup>th</sup> 2024	First day of term 2- funding begins
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Ladybirds Stay and Play
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Bumblebees Stay and Play
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Last day of term 2
December 13th, 2024	Christmas Lunch
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Caterpillars & Dragonflies Stay and Play
December 16th 2024- January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	Christmas Break- No Funding
December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Christmas Eve Nursery Closed at 2pm
December 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024- January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025	Christmas Holidays- Nursery Closed
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Nursery Reopens 8am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of term 3- Funding Begins
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of funding for term 3
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	First day of term 4- Funding Begins
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Last day of funding for term 4
Monday 31st March- Friday 18 April 2025	No Funding
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Good Friday- Nursery Closed
Monday 21st April 2025	Easter Monday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	First day of term 5- Funding Begins
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Ealy May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Last day of funding for term 5
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Late May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Frist day of term 6 Funding Start
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last day of funding for term 6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025- Monday 8th Sept 2025	Summer Holidays- No funding
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	August Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed

## Christmas Break

## Monday December 16th, 2024- Friday January 3rd, 2025

Funding will **not** be applied to fees over this period and any children who are on term time only contracts will not be booked to attend. If you require your term time only child to attend the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> December please get in touch as soon as possible so that we can look at our availability for you. Please note that the nursery will also be closed from **2pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** up to and including **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of January**. We will be back open as normal from 8am on Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.

## **Primary School Applications**

Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2020 & 31 Aug 2021???

Primary school applications will open from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 via the Kent county website <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places">https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places</a>. All applications must be submitted by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.

## Cildren in need Pyjama Day!

As part of this years children in need fundraiser we will be holding a pyjama day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to make a donation to children in need there will be QR code posters available at each of our entrances.







#### Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

Lunches should <u>NOT</u> includeChocolate bars- Twix/Mars etc.

Sweets

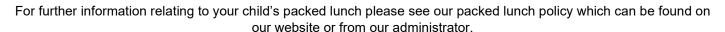
Juice/Fizzy Drinks

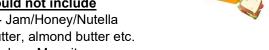
Nuts, Nut Products or any items that may contain nuts



#### Sandwiches should not include

Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc. Salty Fillings such as Marmite







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#### Outside Wear & Spare Clothes

With the Autumn weather creeping in and winter just around the corner, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, spare clothes, and/or all in one rain coats if necessary

We like to get the children out even in inclement weather and don't want anyone to miss out.

Could you also please ensure that you send in at least two changes of clothing for your little one including socks and underwear. We love to get the children involved in messy play and want to ensure they always have something warm and comfortable to change into afterwards if needed.

Lastly could any borrowed clothing please be returned to the nursery so that we have extras on hand should another child need them.





















Room Leader: Ciara Practitioner: Stephanie Apprentice: Amber Supervisor: Hayley Practitioner: Courtney Apprentice: Renee

#### Books of the Month

• That's not my pumpkin

• Spot goes to the farm

#### Songs of the Week

\*Five Little Ducks

\* Twinkle Twinkle Little Start

\* Baa Baa Black Sheep

\* It's Raining, It's Pouring

#### Themes & Activities

• Bonfire Night: 5th November-Babies will explore colours and contrasting colours

- World Number Day: 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November- We will be reading Five Little Ducks to help celebrate this and will also be having a dress up day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. We invite your little one to attend dressed up as either a duck or in yellow.
- Remembrance Day: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will explore and remember the fallen by creating our own poppies and through a variety of messy play activities.

We would like to continue to get out into our garden whenever possible as it is an important part of baby development. However with winter coming it will start to get colder and more wet. Please could we kindly as that if possible you provide an all in one or waterproof puddle suit and lots of changes of clothes so we can continue to enjoy the outdoors.



## Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Ellie Practitioner: Emily

Practitioner: Stephen Practitioner: Casey Apprentice: Alyssa

#### Books of the weeks

- Sparkly Playbook
- Room on the Broom
- Alien in your book
- Things that go

#### Themes for the month

- Fireworks
- Autumn, Leaves & Pumpkins
- Winter Vegetable
- Space and the Night Sky

**Stay and Play:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 4:45-5:30pm- A sign up sheet will be available on the main door. We would kindly ask that only 1 adult per child attends as we only have 10 spaces available for this stay and play. We will be holding more in the future however for those that are unable to attend this time.

As the weather is changing and we are preparing for cold and wet days could we please ask that if possible children bring in named gloves, hats, wellies and puddle suits so that we can continue to enjoy our garden.



Room Leader: Leyla Practitioner: Acacia Supervisor: Demelza Apprentice: Suzie

#### Books of the weeks

The Firecracker

- Ava's Poppy
- Stickman
- Ten Little Robots

**December 18**<sup>th</sup>: We will be joining up with the Caterpillars for a Christmas stay and play. There will be a sign up sheet available on our door closer to the date so please make sure to add your name if you wish to attend as spaces are limited. Could we also please ask that only 1 parent per child attends.

Please could you ensure you are sending your child in with lots of spare clothes including socks, jumpers and a jacket. Please could you also ensure all items sent in are labelled with their names so we can get them returned.



## Caterpillars (7)



Room Leader: Sarah Practitioner: Shay Apprentice: Avery Supervisor: Lucie Apprentice: Molly Apprentice: Libby

#### Books of the Weeks

- Whatever Next
- Poppy & the Blooms
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see
- Meet the Dinosaurs

#### Themes of the month

- Fireworks
- Dinosaurs
- Space and Planets
- Road Safety

With the weather becoming increasingly cold and wet could you ensure you are sending your little one in with labelled weather appropriate clothes including coats, wellies, hats and gloves so that we can continue to get outside whenever possible.







Room Leader: Stevie QTS: Gosia Practitioner: Keira Apprentice: Hannah

Supervisor: Katy Practitioner: Lainey QTS: Summer

Books & Themes of the week:

It was a cold dark night

The girl and the dinosaur

• Aliens in underpants save the world

• The dinosaur that pooped a planet

#### Themes:

- Space/Planets
- Volcanoes
- Fireworks
- Dinosaurs

November 10<sup>th</sup>- World Science Day

November 15th- Children in Need PJ Day

WC November 19th- Road Safety Week

Could we please ask that all clothes including coats, shoes/boots bags and lunch boxes are all labelled with your child's name. This will help us to ensure the correct items are returned to the child at the end of the day.

#### TAX Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

# Autumn is the second spring when every leaf is a flower.



-Albert Camus

### Do you know who you can talk to?

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, or you would like to talk to someone about your child. We are here to help!



Ting Healey Owner-Invoices, Funding, Sessions and FEES



Emily Sargeant
Setting ManagerDesignated Child
Protection Officer,



Emma Wilson Deputy
Manager- Special
Educational Needs and
Disability Officer, Deputy
Designated Safeguarding



Tracey Leighton Duty
Manager- Health and
Safety Officer, Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Chloe Tidy Duty
Manager- Online
Safety Co-Ordinator,
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Brenley Martin Administrator-** New Applications,
Funding Support,
Sessions and FEES

## Community Support & Wellbeing Resources

#### Food & Essentials

The Salvation Army: salvationarmy.org.uk/Folkestone

Hythe Pantry: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01">www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01</a>

Dover Pantry: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/doverpantry">www.facebook.com/doverpantry</a> twitter.com/Doverpantry

Bechange Community Fridge: <a href="https://www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge">www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge</a>

Folkestone Community Fridge: www.facebook.com/Folkestonecommunityfridge

The Bread & Butter Thing (weekly food bags): <a href="https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/members">www.breadandbutterthing.org/members</a>

Food Sharing Apps: OLIO (Connects neighbours with each other and local businesses)

Too Good to Go (Anti food waste app linked to local café's & restaurants)

#### Financial Support

Help for Households: www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk

Cost of living Support: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living">www.gov.uk/cost-of-living</a>

Citizens Advice: citizensadvice.org.uk/dept-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living

Home Essentials in a Crisis: kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-

support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis

#### Mental Health

NHS Psychological Therapies Service- <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service">www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service</a> (Common mental health issues including anxiety, depression and the need for counselling)

Folkestone Safe Haven: www.hestia.org/folkestone-and-hythe-district

South Kent Mind: www.southkentmind.org.uk

Lighthouse43: www.lighthouse43.co.uk

Samaritans: Call 116 123

Mind Information Line: 0300 123 3393

Rethink Mental Illness Helpline: 0808 801 0525