



# January 2021

## Newsletter

### What we have been doing

It has been a strange start back to the spring term, some of our children are not back due to the lockdown.

We miss you all very much and hope to see you as soon as possible. As you know early years settings are expected to remain open to all of the children to ensure that the children's start in education does not get left behind. Here is a snippet published on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the Early Education website:

- Early years settings remain low risk environments for children and staff. 0-5 year olds continue to have the lowest confirmed rates of coronavirus of all age groups, and there is no evidence that the new variant of coronavirus disproportionately affects young children. Evidence shows that pre-school children are less susceptible to infection and are not playing a driving role in transmission. There is no evidence the new strain of the virus causes more serious illness in either children or adults and there continues to be strong evidence that children are much less susceptible to severe clinical disease than older people.
- PHE advice remains that the risk of transmission and infection is low if early years settings follow the system of controls, which reduce risks and create inherently safer environments.
- Early years settings have been open to all children since 1 June and there is no evidence that the early years sector has contributed to a rise in virus cases within the community. Early evidence from SAGE showed that early years provision had a smaller relative impact on transmission rate than primary schools, which in turn had a smaller relative impact than secondary schools.
- Early years childcare providers were one of the first sectors to have restrictions lifted last summer, in recognition of the key role they play in society. Childminders and nursery staff across the country have worked hard to keep settings open through the pandemic so that young children can be educated, and parents can work. The earliest years are the most crucial point of child development and attending early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and supports children's social and emotional development. We continue to prioritise keeping early years settings open in full because of the clear benefits to children's education and wellbeing and to support working parents. Caring for the youngest age group is not something that can be done remotely.

We will continue to open and operate staff permitting

Please do follow the lockdown rules: Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.



## DIARY DATES



- **Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**
- **Half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021**
- **Inset day – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**
- **Easter break – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**
- **Start of Summer term – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**
- **May day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**
- **Half term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**
- **End of term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

For further term dates please refer to the [Burghclere Pre-School Website](#)



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS & UPDATES



### Your school lottery

I am going to be signing us up onto this fantastic platform, it is as it says a lottery for schools. You can find information about this on [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/burghclere-preschool](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/burghclere-preschool)

Please help support us by sharing it with all your family and friends. Keep an eye out on our facebook page.

You can win cash prizes along with some fab prizes our draw will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March and so far we have not sold any tickets.

We are unable to hold any fundraising events face to face so any visual events we can hold the better. Please share with you friends and family and let's see if we can raise some funds.

### Bags to school

We have booked bags 2 school for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. Please drop the bags off on the day. They have asked if we can use black bin bags this time. This gives you plenty of time to have a sort out and get friends and family to do so also. What you can put into the bags:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats

- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

*\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

*We **DO NOT** accept:*

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Winter clothing

The children go outside whatever the weather so please remember to dress them accordingly ie wellington boots, gloves, hats and thick coats this time of the year are a must.

### Fees

Please can you ensure all fees are paid and up to date before the end of this half term. No fees will be carried over and failure to pay may result in a decrease of your child's hours.

### School sweatshirts and t-shirts

We have a lovely selection of pre-school sweatshirts and t-shirts. The sizes are 3-4 & 5 -6, the sweatshirts are £9.00 and the t-shirts are £6.50. This is a fantastic way of protecting your child's favourite clothes, we do have messy play and at some point they may get paint, mud etc on their clothes.

Hayley, Clare, Juliann, Lesley and Leanne

