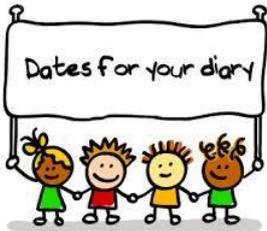


Winter 2021-22 Newsletter



NURSERY INSET

DAYS

Monday 6th June 2022

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Nursery re-opens
TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022

**Breakfast & After School Club
return**

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022*
*Inset day SPS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 14th – Friday 18th
February 2022

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 11th Friday 22nd
April 2022

MAY HALF TERM

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd
June 2022

Platinum Bank Holiday Weekend
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June
2022 – see main newsletter



I-spy Christmas Fun!

Thank you to all who supported our Twilight Walk in December. We had great fun creating the I-spy trail and the Elfie Selfies proved very popular.

We hope with the continued support of our parents, to offer this event in the future and any financial contributions to cover the cost of additionally purchased equipment and decorations would be gratefully received. For more details about making a charitable donation please contact finance@boomerang-kids.co.uk

Welcome to:
Mollie

A new member of
the team joining
the Barn Staff

Thank you!

We raised **£260** for
Children In Need
during November.



A Reminder for Parents

SNOW & EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Policy Statement

It is our policy for Boomerang Kids to remain open during snow or inclement weather conditions. Closure of the setting is an extreme measure and would not be taken lightly.

There will be no refunds on fees.

It is expected that all staff make reasonable and appropriate attempts to get to setting. Walking for up to 2.5 miles is considered appropriate in almost all circumstances. For those coming on longer journeys every attempt should be made to catch public transport (if running) if driving is not possible. A skeleton staff will be in operation.

The setting will close at 3:30pm, due to safety, to ensure that both children/parents and staff can travel home in natural light, due to snow and ice.

It will be the decision of the Manager or Deputy Manager to make the decision as to whether to close the setting earlier, due to the weather changes or if it is deemed unsafe for staff to travel back to their homes.

Communication

Effective communication with parents is paramount and the following procedures will occur wherever possible whenever snow is clearly forecast or falls:

- An email will be sent to all parents/carers (please ensure we have your correct email address). Also a message will be sent using 'Tapestry'.
- Please check on our social media pages for notifications if the setting does not open.
- A member of staff will inform parent/carer at the time of 'sign-in' as to whether the setting will remain open the full session (informing time of closure).

TOP TIPS FOR PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH

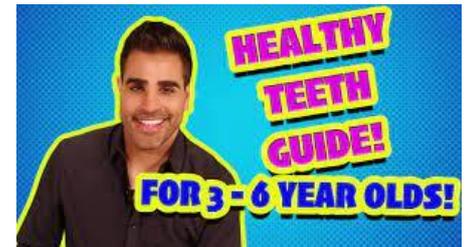
<http://www.actiononsugar.org/surveys/2021/>

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/69-top-tips-for-teeth/resources>



0-3 YEARS
<https://youtu.be/owbp5F0K45c>

3-6 YEARS
<https://youtu.be/lQE4xxk1r5g>



Session Prices

We are currently reviewing our price list with any changes to be effective **from April 2022**. Parents will be sent a copy of the new session rates once they have been finalized.

After School Club finish time.

As part of the price list review we have decided to amend the finish time of the After School Club in line with nursery sessions. **From April 2022 the After School Club session time will end at 6:00pm** rather than 6:30pm.



Home Learning

It's getting colder and frostier, a great time for exploring outside and understanding the World around us, observing the changes that are occurring. The children at Boomerang Kids' have already enjoyed experimenting with ice, seeing how quickly or slowly it melts when placed in different places. This is something you could investigate at home too! What if we place it in the sun? What if we hide it away in a cupboard?

We have also been using this time to engage in lots of physical exercise to begin to understand how our bodies feel when we exercise and how this helps us to keep warm in this winter weather. We have enjoyed playing 'stuck in the snow' a take on 'stuck in the mud'.



Teaching your children to be able to put on their own hats and coats this time of year is great too. Wearing a hat and coat is purposeful in this winter weather and children may enjoy experimenting with trying to attempt zips and making sure their hats cover their ears.



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022

The May Bank Holiday (Monday 30th May) will be moved to Thursday 2 June and with an additional Bank Holiday added on Friday 3 June in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please note we will be open on Monday 30th May and closed on Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June



FINANCE MATTERS

30 HOURS DON'T FORGET TO RE- VALIDATE YOUR CODE!

Families should receive email or text reminders from the childcare service to **reconfirm their codes**. Please respond promptly to these reminders.

Boomerang Kids will also continue to issue alerts through our newsletters, noticeboards and website so please log on to your childcare account to re-validate.

<https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount>.

FUNDED CHILDREN ALL ABSENCES INCL. HOLIDAYS

It is very important that **children using FUNDED hours** inform us of any absence as this will be audited by the Early Years Team at Brighton Council.

The Early Years Team want to ensure that free education places are used to their full potential, which is why we are asked to keep up-to-date records of all child absences.

If the absences total more than 10 days a term we are required to inform them and this then becomes a matter for further investigation and is essentially taken out of our hands.

Please note: if your invoice shows a total amount in brackets this means your account is in credit and there is nothing further to pay.

GRACE PERIOD

Please be aware:

If you are claiming the **Extended Entitlement 30-hour Funding** that the government allow a '**grace period**' so that if your circumstances change, i.e. you leave your job, you still have time to make other arrangements and also fulfil contractual obligations to cover notice periods.

Please ask Fiona to check when your 'grace period' ends as this may affect your decision to make any immediate changes to your child's nursery attendance.

NON PAYMENT OF FEES OR FEES OWED

Boomerang Kids is a charitable, non-profit making nursery and, as such, is reliant on the timely payment of nursery fees. Our policy states that if fees are owed and remain outstanding we may ask you to keep your child at home **until the fees have been paid in full**.

It is very important that you keep us informed if you are having any problems making payments as we can employ a number of strategies including setting up a Payment Plan.

If you need to discuss this or any other financial issue please contact our Finance & EYE Administrator, Fiona.