

Autumn 2021 Newsletter



Our Early Years Curriculum

A brand-new term and a brand new curriculum. We hope Parents have now had the chance to read through the information sent out via Tapestry.

Please do let us know if you have any questions.



Little Explorers Update

Little Explorers is now part of the new curriculum for all attending children age 3 years+
Your child will be allocated a set day for these sessions.

Please ensure they come suitably dressed with waterproof coat, trousers, wellingtons & separate water bottle. Thank you

Wellies & Waterproofs

We are looking for donations of Wellingtons & Waterproofs for our Explorer sessions. If you have sizes 9-10 boots or two piece waterproof sets that you no longer need, please let us know.
Thank you



NURSERY INSET DAYS

Monday 6th June 2022

Tuesday 30th August 2022

PARENTS MORNING

See Spotlight Months in main Newsletter.

TWILIGHT WALKS

Provisionally

Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th December 2021.

More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DATES

Last day Breakfast & After School Club

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER 2021

Last day open before Christmas

THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2021

NURSERY CLOSED XMAS BREAK

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 2022

Nursery re-opens

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022

Breakfast & After School Club return

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022*

***Inset day SPS**



Spotlight Months



In line with changes to the new curriculum we will replace our traditional parents mornings with specific feedback on your child's progress during their 'spotlight months'.

There will be two spotlight months each year designed to coincide with the focused checkpoints as your child turns 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and 2 years continuing in 6 monthly intervals until your child reaches 4 years and you receive a 'transfer to school' report.

The report will include a detailed overview of your child's progression through the prime and specific areas of the new curriculum. We value parents contribution to this report and there will be the opportunity to arrange an appointment to discuss any aspects further, should you wish.

Please remember if you have any concerns about your child's progress you can speak to your child's key person at any time for advice.



Introducing our new Stars

CASEY - joins the Owls as a key person and is 'Marvellous with Makaton.'

SARAH - joins the Squirrels as a key person and is looking forward to helping the children with their artistic creations.



Holiday Club

The restrictions imposed by covid have made the running of the holiday club sessions unviable for the last 18 months. Sadly together with the general decrease in demand over the last few years we have decided not to offer these sessions for the foreseeable future.





Home Learning

Autumn is upon us and leading us into our topic... 'Into the Woods'.

This is a great term to spot changes within the environment, looking for patterns of change over time. Our new curriculum has a key focus on speaking and listening. Use this term to introduce new Autumnal vocabulary to your children, giving them the opportunity to explain their reasoning. We are also beginning our phonics for the year, listening to sounds within the environment, comparing different sounds and a focus on rhyming too!



We would also like to encourage children to bring any Autumnal objects into the setting, as we will be using these lots throughout the term.

Pine cones and conkers are always welcome!



Smile For the Camera!

We have been trialling a camera system linked to the door bells to help speed up the evening handover process.

Staff can identify parents as they arrive via an iPad.

Please ensure you stand in view of the camera's range within the semi-circle of bricked pathway adjacent to the garden fence at the front entrance.

Thank you



FINANCE MATTERS

INVOICES

Please note:

Invoices that show brackets around the total figure indicate a **CREDIT** balance.

Therefore if the invoice states
Total due for April (£100.00)

This means £100.00 will be carried over towards payment on your May invoice and there is nothing for you to pay for April 😊

If in doubt please contact **Fiona**
finance@boomerang-kids.co.uk

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>.

ABSENCES/HOLIDAYS & TIME OFF

It is important that parents of **ALL ATTENDING CHILDREN** inform us if their child is going to be absent from nursery as we need to keep accurate attendance records for all our children.

CHILDREN USING FUNDED HOURS have their attendance audited by the Early Years Team at Brighton Council to ensure that free education places are used to their full potential

If the absences total more than 10 days a term we are required to inform them and this may then become a matter for further investigation by the council.

Thank you for your co-operation

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.