

Chipmunks Chatter

February 2017

Firstly, I would like to start by welcoming all the new children and families that we have had join us in the last half term. Myself and the team hope you are all settling in well.

Helen Ellis

We have the wonderful Helen Ellis coming back to take the children's photographs on Thursday 27th April in the afternoon and Friday 28th April in the morning.

If your child is not normally booked in on these days, then please book a photo slot in the office. Helen will also be doing family photographs on the Thursday afternoon so please also book a slot for this in the office.

30 hours 3 and 4-year-old funding

As most of you have probably heard the government have increased the 15 hours funding to 30 from September 2017. We will be delivering this and will be opting in to the early delivery of it in April 2017. You can find more information on www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/30hours

We will be updating you shortly on how we will be delivering this as a setting.

Reminders

- Fees are due at the beginning of the month in advance. Failure to pay on time can result in a 5% charge.
- Please all remember hats, coats, wellies and gloves when your children are coming to nursery as they will be going outdoors.
- Please encourage your children to leave toys at home.

Car park

I have been made aware over the last month of a couple of incidents with parents/carers using the car park inconsiderately. Please only park in the car park if you are dropping your child in to the Nursery.

I am dismayed to be informed that of a couple of incidents of parents and carers shouting at each other, beeping horns and using foul language towards each other whilst children are present in the cars in our car park. This will not be tolerated, we are a child care setting and safeguarding your children is our priority and any such incidents witnessed by myself or my staff will be reported appropriately.

We appreciate that drop offs can be a busy time for all but if we could all be a little more considerate with how we park and behave then this should make things a little easier for everyone.

Recipe of the term - Playdough

Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 1 tsp of oil
- 1 cup of cold water
- 2 drops liquid food colouring

Method

- Combine flour and salt
- Add water, food colouring and oil, mix until ingredients are combined
- Knead well
- If consistency is to wet add a little flour