

# Happy Hours Pre-School: Autumn Term Newsletter

January 2020

Welcome back to the Spring Term at Happy Hours Pre-School. We hope you all had a magical Christmas and we would all like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

A newsletter will be issued half termly containing lots of useful information. However, there will also be regular updates on our notice board and on our website and Facebook pages. Our website calendar is also updated regularly with important dates and events. Additionally, our closed Parent / Carers ONLY Facebook group is updated daily with conversational prompts about your child's day, updates, reminders and the popular 'Our week in photos' post. This should enable you to have access to all the information you need when you need it.

To join the new Facebook Parent / Carers Group please search for 'Happy Hours Pre-School (Parent / Carers ONLY)' and request to join.

## Staffing

Owner: Mrs Danielle Wrightson

Manager: Mrs Emmajane Merrett [BA Hons with QTS]

Lead Early Explorers SENCo: Kay

Level 3 Qualified Practitioner: Mandy

Level 3 Qualified Practitioner: Yvonne

Level 3 Qualified Practitioner: Alison

Level 2 Qualified Practitioner: Beccy

Pre-School Assistant: Coral

Pre-School Assistant: Christa

Pre-School Assistant / Bank Staff: Jenny

Resources Assistant: Joe

**All Staff are qualified in Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding.**

HAPPY HOURS



PRE SCHOOL

Happy Hours Pre-School is a member of Early Explorers Childcare Ltd owned by Mrs Danielle Wrightson.

Our Ofsted Registration Number is: RP547193

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## REMINDER: Our NEW Opening Hours are now

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday:

8.30 or 9.00 to 12.30 or 3.00

Friday - 8.30 or 9.00 to 12.30

Happy Hours Pre-School are continuing to offer up to 30 hours of childcare over 5 sessions a week - term time only. We offer funded places for 3 and 4 year olds and 2 year olds in receipt of two year funding. More information regarding funding can be found here: [West Sussex County Council: Free Entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds](#). To check your eligibility for support with childcare costs; including two year funding, 30 hours funding and tax free childcare, please visit the [Childcare Choices](#) website.

### Children's Snacks and Lunches

Over the last two terms we have been gradually developing and improving our snack table provision.

The children have recently been enjoying pouring their own drinks at the snack table using small plastic jugs. We have now also introduced a small chopping board and child friendly knives to support the children in chopping up and preparing their own fruit and vegetable snacks. We will be continuing to develop this area of provision over the next few terms and will keep you updated with any changes.

Our lunch time sessions are now very busy and the children are continuing to enjoy sitting down to eat together socially. To ensure the children are not waiting too long at the table we are now allowing them, once they have finished, to leave the table to enjoy some playtime with their friends before moving through to circle time.

Please can I use this opportunity to politely remind you that Happy Hours is a Nut Free Zone. It is also important to remind you that any grapes, sausages, olives or tomatoes and alike should always be cut length ways to avoid the possibility of choking. Similarly, we would suggest that meats with bones and / or skewers are not packed as part of lunches either.

If you are interested in exploring some great ideas for quick and easy healthy lunch boxes you might like to visit the NHS website Change4life: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>



**Don't forget ...** to log into your child's online journal. The staff update your child's learning journal regularly with observations, photos and videos. We also warmly welcome any contributions and / or comments from home!! We love to see what the children have been up to and it's a great resource to share with your child both at Happy Hours and at home.

## Dates for your diary

**School Applications Deadline – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Chinese New Year Theme – WB: 20<sup>th</sup> January**

*On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January we will be offering the children the opportunity to try some Chinese food with chopsticks as part of their morning snack. This is likely to include: rice, noodles, prawn crackers, spring rolls and fortune cookies. Where possible these will be gluten free, vegan and milk free products or alternatives will be provided.*

*If you have any souvenirs or photos from holidays in China, we would love to share them with the children!*

**Love Theme – WB: 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**HALF TERM WEEK: 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Pancake Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

*Pancake making, tasting and races!*

**Easter Picnic – 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

*Including an Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Egg Tombola, singing and signing.*

*[Arrangements and invitation to follow]*

### **Term Dates: 2019 / 2020**

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

Term Starts: Monday 2nd September

Term Ends: Friday 13th December

**Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November**

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 6th January

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April

**Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February**

#### **Summer Term 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 20th April

Term Ends: Friday 17th July

**Bank Holiday Closure: Friday 8th May**

**Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May**

### **Daily Checklist**

- Fruit / Vegetable Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Lunch Box
- Nappies / Wet Wipes / Nappy Sacks
- Warm Coat
- Book Bag
- A change of Clothes

## **Thank You!!**

Finally, the staff at Happy Hours would like to thank you for all the cards and gifts received at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and we are all very grateful.