

Peter Rabbit Newsletter: April 2024

Key Dates for Your Diary:

Wisley Trip: Thursday 2nd May

We have lots of spaces available to the trip. Please let Sharla or Laura know if you would like a space. There is no charge for the day or the trip.

Stay and Play Sessions: Week beginning 13th May

This week our focus will be on showing parents how we teach maths at nursery. We will have a sign-up sheet available during the first week back. The session will start at 9am and finish at 10am. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate 'mobile' siblings.

Sports Day: Friday 14th June 11am

Our sports day event will take place on the field next to nursery. If your child usually attends on a Friday please drop them off as usual at 9am. If your child doesn't please drop your child off at 10.45 at the nursery garden gate. Lots of our families stay afterwards for a picnic so please feel free to join us with your picnic and blankets.

Leavers Assembly: Friday 19th July 11am

The nursery will only be open for those children who are leaving us for school in July. We will be having a small party in the morning and then inviting parents in for an assembly at 11am. Bring your tissues!

If your child is returning in September then their last day will be Thursday 18th July

How Do We Foster Independence in our Children?

At Peter Rabbit Nursery one of our main goals is to prepare our children for success in life. One of the most important factors for being successful in life is to have a sense of personal responsibility. When someone has a sense of personal responsibility they are prone to taking action instead of waiting around for things to happen. In our Nursery, a child who takes personal responsibility will work to resolve an issue before running to the teacher for help. Our teachers create opportunities for our children to work and learn independently, which, in turn, creates opportunities for them to develop personal responsibility. All our children are set up to succeed in their independence. Children are given tools that are appropriate to their age range, for example, jugs, brooms and dust pans that are the correct size for them and coat pegs and a welly rack that they can reach.

We allow our children to choose which activity they would like to do, set the table for snack, pour their own drinks, to help adults with tasks, to dress themselves, clean up after themselves and to move about the Nursery as they fit. All our children are explicitly taught how these skills so they can learn how to be successful.

Being able to do things for themselves helps children:

- Develop a confidence they will carry all their lives.
- Achieve his or her individual learning potential.
- Build self-sufficiency and independence.
- Develop a sense of purpose and self-motivation.

At Peter Rabbit, independence is an ongoing and organic process. As a child learns to pour water, put on his own shoes, or cleans up their own spilt milk, he or she becomes a more confident, independent individual which will lead to ongoing benefits throughout life.

Reminders: Please ensure

- All items (including clothes) are clearly labelled.
- Please could we have any donations of tissues and baby wipes. We always use a lot of these so any donations are appreciated
- If you are using the 30 hours funding or the new 2 year old funding please ensure you are aware of the deadline for the application. For more info please visit: <https://www.peterrabbit-nursery-burpham.co.uk/copy-of-opening-times> This link contains all the information parents need regarding fees and funding for the nursery.
- Term dates can be found here: <https://www.peterrabbit-nursery-burpham.co.uk/copy-of-current-parents>

Reminder Fees: From April 2024

With the rising cost of living and the latest Government budget changes we have had to review our fee structure. The changes in the table below will come into effect from April 2024. The Government funding currently does not cover all the costs related to providing all aspects of the provision we offer and therefore a sustainability charge is added to cover any additional costs.

	Non Funded Hours per day (Including sustainability charge)	Government Funded Hours per day (Sustainability charge)
AM	£34.00	£5.50
PM	£17.00	£2.50

For more information please see our charging policy on the website.

Parents Meetings:

If you would like to meet with your child's keyworker to discuss your child's progress please send me an email and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. This is always an option and not something specific to this term. Always feel free to ask and we can have a catch up, we all love to chat about how fantastic your child is!

The list of Key Workers is displayed on the board in the entrance hall.