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## Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,





### Welcome Message

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome back to the returning children who have moved sessions. They have coped with the change very well and have settled quickly into their new routines. Thank you to those who have hosted staff at home visits, and we hope your children settle as quickly and we look forward to working with you. Well done to all those children staying for 30 hours who are settling well.



### Staffing

What a great staff team. Below are the staff in each class- photos can be found in the entrance hall and in classrooms.

Ladybirds 	Caterpillars 	Butterflies 	Bumblebees 
Mrs Andrews/ Mrs Bridges Miss Dhenin Mrs Aithsine	Miss Shaw Mrs Sharp Miss Cartwright	Mrs Begley Miss Palmer Miss Ball (Lunchtime supervisor/ Volunteer)	Miss Haywood Miss Heading Miss Pratt Miss Copeland



Mrs Andrews, Miss Shaw and Mrs Begley are the lead practitioners for each class in main Nursery. Miss Haywood is lead practitioner in Bumble Bees.

Mrs Cavendish works in the school office and is always available to answer any queries.

Staff are available at the beginning and end of every session for any quick handover information. Should you need longer with staff or somewhere more confidential to talk, please ask for an appointment.

Mrs Collins is the Designated Safeguarding Lead with support from Miss Haywood so please talk to us about any family circumstances that may be important in helping us to best care for your child.

Mrs Andrews is the SENDCo, please speak to the class lead or Mrs Andrews should you have any queries or concerns about your child's development and support they may require.

<b>Fruit</b> We are grateful to accept donations of fruit which are shared at snack time. 	<b>30 Hours Offer</b> Are you eligible for the 30 hours offer? Please ask for more details at the office. (Please note there is a small top up fee to cover the length of the school day.) 
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### Drop off and Collection Times

Morning sessions are from 8.45am to 11.45am. Drop off between 8.45-8.50am and collection between 11.40-11.45am. Afternoon sessions run from 12.30-3.30pm.



Drop off between 12.30-12.35pm and collection between 3.15-3.30pm. This longer collection period allows for collection from other schools. Please drop off and collect your child on time to minimise any distress. Please note the Nursery does have a late collection policy.

**Research shows that children settle well and make the best progress when they attend regularly.** Please phone the office if your child is unable to attend.

### Illness

If you are worried your child is ill, please do not bring them to Nursery to protect the health of the other children and staff; Remember that after a bout of sickness and/ or diarrhoea your child must be kept home for 48 hours. If your child contracts a contagious illness, please let us know so that we can inform other families. Thank you.



### Baby & Toddler Group

We are pleased to let you know that our toddler group will be restarting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. It will be held in Dragonflies and Honeybees (next to Bumble Bees and entered via the side entrance). The toddler group is hosted by Miss Ball and our thanks go to her. The group operates on a drop- in basis from 9.00-10.30am and we ask only a donation of £1.00 per session to cover fruit and craft resources.



### Early Years Pupil Premium Funding (EYPP)

Is your child eligible to extra funding? This money is used in school to support your child's education. Please ask for more details at the office.



### Library

We have a lending library of both fiction (story) and non- fiction (information) books for you to borrow to enjoy sharing with your child. These are kept between the office and the classrooms. Please come in as you collect your child to borrow a book.



### Change of Personal Details

Please remember: It is very important that we hold current emergency phone numbers for you should we need to contact you. If you change your number, let us know.



### Uniform

We do have uniform available for the children to wear. Benefits include it stopping those outfit arguments and it being easy to wash. Please ask at the school office for further details about sizes and costs.



### WOW

If your child does something new at home, please share this with your child's class leader. This can be anything- using new words, trying a new activity, visiting a new place etc... We love to share all successes.



### Active8 Sports Sessions

Every Wednesday morning we have representatives from Active8 who lead a sports session at the Beecroft Community Centre. Previous pupils have really enjoyed these sessions and they support children's physical development.



### Names

Please name all items your child wears and brings to Nursery; For example, hats, jumpers, coats and bags. If you do, we can easily return lost property to its rightful owner.



### Admissions

We currently have spaces in our 3-4-year-old classes. If anyone would like to know more, they need to contact the school office.



### Health and Safety

Please remember that at the end of a session children/ siblings should not be playing on the equipment in the garden. Please supervise younger siblings to ensure their safety. Please also remember we are a no nuts site. Please ensure dogs are not left by the gate as some of our children are scared.



### Security

Thank you so much for closing all doors and gates as you pass through them to ensure the children's safety.



### Autumn Clothing

As the weather gets colder and wetter please ensure your child has a jumper/ sweatshirt as well as a raincoat and wellies. We always use the garden whatever the weather.



## Charity Events

We are keen to support charities by undertaking some events over the next half term.



### MacMillan Coffee and Cake Event

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, we are holding an event to support MacMillan. MacMillan offer support to people with cancer and their carers.

#### How can you help?

Please donate a cake and come for a drink and cake on the day. Please stay after dropping off. Our cake event will run from 9.00-10.00am and 12.45-1.45pm. We will be collecting donations.

Please join us.



### Children in Need

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be wearing spots and doing spotty activities for Children in Need (children only). Children in Need collects money for a range of projects- see the children in Need website to see where the money is spent.

#### How can you help?

If you would like to donate for Children in Need we will have collection pots on the gate and in each classroom.



### Harvest (Stay and Play Day)

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Harvest Celebration (children only). We are fortunate to have a visitor from the Salvation Army who will come and talk to the children.

#### How can you help?

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October you can send in tins/ packets. These will be passed on to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army use this food to help those most in need, especially families with children in the local area.



### Stay and Play Day

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we are holding our first 'Stay and Play Day' of the year. Each Stay and Play Day has a focus. This day will be focusing on The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) which is made up of Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language Development and Physical Development- The Prime areas and Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design, the Specific areas. Each of the subjects is then sub-divided into areas, for example Literacy is divided into Reading and Writing. If you are a parent of a child in Ladybirds, Caterpillars or Butterflies Classes please join us for the session your child attends to find out more. Parents of the children in Bumble Bees do not attend stay and play days as this can unsettle our youngest children.



### Parenting Course

'Being a Parent' A FREE 9-week programme run by parents for Mums, Dads & Carers of Children aged up to 11 years old.

Monday afternoons 1.00-3.00pm during school term

Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Includes a free crèche, Tea/Coffee & Cakes! Booking essential.

For more information and bookings, please contact the EPEC Hub Co-ordinator

Colette Fletcher Tel No: 01582 660061 Email: office@home-startcentralbeds.org.uk

Or Beehive Children's Centre Tel No: 01582 699092

Email: enquiries@beehivecc.com

### Next Steps Opportunity for Parents

Access course for Central Bedfordshire College

6-week course 1.5 hours a week

Starting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-3.00pm @ Beecroft School

Preparation for studying full access course into teaching, midwifery, nursing or social work

Contact: [jwinnett@centralbeds.ac.uk](mailto:jwinnett@centralbeds.ac.uk)

01582 477776 ext 692

## School Places

If your school is due to start school in September 2020 applications are now open. Schools must offer a child a full-time place in the September, following their fourth birthday. If you are applying for a place to start school, you have until Wednesday 15 January 2020 to make an application.



To apply for a place online visit <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

If you prefer, you can also complete a paper application form – these are available by either emailing the school admissions team, calling 0300 300 8037, or writing to School Admissions, Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF.

## Key Dates

Please book the following dates into your calendar- further details about some events will follow in future Newsletters.



### September

Home learning Challenge-EAD- Details to follow

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September- MacMillan Coffee Morning (9.00am/ 12.45pm)

### October

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October- Collection of Harvest Goods for Salvation Army

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Celebration (children only)

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Half Term

Home learning Challenge- Maths- details to follow

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October- Jack and the Beanstalk production (children only)

### November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November- Curriculum stay and play day (Ladybirds, Caterpillars, Butterflies Class parents welcome to join the session)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Consultations Ladybirds

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Consultations Caterpillars

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November- Consultations Bumble Bees

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Consultations Butterflies

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need (children only)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November- Beep Beep day (Road safety awareness- children only)

### December

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Nativity 10.30am for 10.45am start/ 1.45am for 2.00pm start @ Beecroft Community Centre- Parents/ carers are invited to watch

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas party with a special visitor! (children only)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of term

## 2019-2020 School Holiday Dates

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October- Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October- INSET

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April- INSET

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April- First Day of Summer Term (children in)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Last Day of Summer Term

*Please note all families have been given a paper copy of this newsletter which will also be available on the website. Please note all future newsletters will be emailed via parent mail so please check you have completed your parent mail form and talk to the school office if you have any issues.*

Please remember to speak to me should you have any concerns.

Yours Faithfully, *Mrs Collins*, Headteacher