

We hope everyone had a healthy and restful half term and we look forward to having lots of fun over the coming remaining weeks of this Spring Term. Please remember to look at our website for up to date news and notifications.

Our Parent Play and Stay day this half term is Tuesday 24th March. If your child attends on a Tuesday, parents/carers are invited to join their child between 9.30 – 11.30 am to take part in the session. These sessions work on rotation, so don't worry if your child does not do a Tuesday - every half term, a different day is selected. If you can pop in, it would be great to see you!

Rolling Snack In both Rooms 1 and 2 each session we have our "rolling" snack. Each week, we offer healthy options for your children to choose from with milk/water. Rolling snack is a very visual adult led activity that all our children are aware of and encouraged to take part in. We do not, however, interrupt children's play in order to insist the children take part. Snack usually closes around 11.15 am. Drinking water is always available in our rooms for children to help themselves independently or request.

****WHIZZKIDS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB****
– DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!

Inclement Weather If we have any severe weather over the coming months which may result in us closing for any sessions, this information will also be displayed on the home page of our website and on our Facebook page.

Outdoor Play

Outdoor play has long been blamed for colds and flu. Although going outside unprepared for the elements is unwise, viruses that are spread by other human beings and cause colds and flu are actually indoors! In fresh air, children do not have to rebreathe the germs of the group, and the chance of spreading infection is reduced. Playing outside allows your child an escape from these indoor germs and bacteria. Being outside can strengthen immune systems and give children an opportunity for a change of environment and an opportunity to develop their gross muscles through play. Being outside also allows a child to immerse themselves with nature – look for wildlife, go on a bug hunt, make dens!

There are many opportunities for children to spend time with technological advances and screens, so playing in an outdoor "classroom" is becoming more important in our society. Being outside encourages children to use their imaginations, problem solve and build resilience. At WhizzKids, we give our children a choice of indoor and outdoor play, always ensuring in cold weather that they are suitably clothed for the elements. In our experience, most children love spending time outside and gain a lot developmentally from the experience.



THIS TERM'S EVENTS!

Start of Spring Term	Mon 6 th January	Parent Play Date	Tuesday 24 th March
Half Term: (1weeks)	17 th – 21 st February	Wild Whizz Kids	4 th March/26 th March
Mother's Day	22 nd March	Walk to Bakers	April - TBC
Easter Spring Break	6 th April – 17 th April		
End of Spring Term	3 rd April	Beginning of Summer Term	20 th April

Fees/Hours

Although we still accept fees being paid weekly, monthly, half termly and termly, these will now be due at the **beginning** of each week/month/half term/term. Each fee letter details when payments are due and these dates should be adhered to. Late payments and/or payments in cash will incur a £6 admin charge. If you have any questions in respect of fees, please speak to Sara or Terina. Thank you.

To avoid any confusion or embarrassment, if your child attends any additional sessions/lunch clubs/afternoon clubs etc on a pay as you go basis, these payments **MUST** be paid on the day your child attends their extra hours, at the **start** of their session. **Unfortunately for the Spring Term, we are not able to swap funded sessions as we are near to full capacity on most days.** If you require an extra day/lunchclub/afternoon club etc., please speak to Sara/Terina as we will have to check our child/adult ratios and any notified absentees. Thank you.

A Couple of Reminders!

- If children have had sickness and diarrhoea, please leave at least 48 hours after the last symptom before returning to pre-school to help prevent the risk of infection to other children/staff.
- Please notify Whizz Kids as soon as possible if your child contracts chicken pox.
- For those children that attend our lunch club, please could you ensure that your child's lunchbox includes an ice pack, especially when containing dairy products. **Grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** continue to be a choking hazard for young children. If your child has **grapes** or **cherry tomatoes**, please can you ensure that they are cut in two, lengthways.
- We are a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please ensure that your child does NOT have **peanut butter** in their packed lunch as nuts and derivatives of them, can have serious consequences for people with nut allergies. Thank you.



Your contributions are always welcome in this newsletter. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include or focus on.

Open Door Policy As always, please remember mums, dads and carers, you can discuss any concerns or issues with Sara/Terina or your child's keyperson at any time. Your child's Learning Journey and progress notes are also always available to look at or discuss and contribute to.

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