

**Welcome** back after our Easter Break. We hope you all had a happy, healthy Easter! We are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term. We are welcoming some new friends and their families starting with us this term and look forward to settling them in on their Whizz Kids Journey with us. Over the past couple of years due to the pandemic, our fundraising efforts have been more or less absent. Therefore, we thought we would start this term off with our **Smartie Challenge**. Any funds raised will be put towards children's resources and Save the Children Charity.



For those who wish to take part, just ask your keyperson or Terina/Sara, who will give your child a tube of Smarties to enjoy! Once the Smarties have been eaten, if you could fill your smartie tubes with any loose change you may have around and return the tubes to Whizz Kids! Thank you once again for your support – this is a fantastic way to raise funds and enjoy a little more chocolate after Easter!

## Trauma Perspective Practice



Trauma and neglect interfere with a child's capacity to successfully engage in learning. Trauma can affect a child's ability to feel safe, stable and can cause loss of innocence. Trauma can take on many forms from bereavement to war. Essex County Council are inviting settings to become Trauma Perspective Practices (TPP). The aim of a TPP is for us to build on our strengths so that we can ensure we can recognise and respond to children's trauma. Sara and Terina completed this training last term and will be cascading this to all other staff members. Refreshing our training and recognising and understanding the paths for recovery will help us meet children's emotional needs and support families. Our staff will be taking part in this training and awareness over the coming months. Some elements of this training include brain development, attachment and understanding behaviours. If you wish to know more about this subject please let us know.



## Co Op Community Fund –

As part of the funds we were lucky to receive from the above, we are looking forward to welcoming **Rocky's Animals** on 28<sup>th</sup> April. This is a mobile animal experience which will give our children the opportunity to get "up close" to a variety of animals, in a fun, safe and educational way.



**Do you need support?** Essex County Council can offer your family early help, advice and guidance through a Family Support Officer in your area. Support with children's behaviour, financial support, mental health and bereavement are examples of some of the services they can offer. A directory of Services is also available on this link's website: <https://www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk/early-help/> which may be of help/interest.

## THIS TERM'S EVENTS!

Start of Spring Term	Tues 19th April	Wild Whizz Kids!	5th May/17th May
Bank Hol Monday: Half Term:	2nd May 2nd/3rd June	Rocky's Animal Visit	Thurs April 28th
Spring Woodland Walk	Tues 3rd May	Platinum Jubilee Picnic	Thurs 26th May
Fathers Day	Sun 19th June	Half Term	6th June -10th June
Sports/Fun Day	Tues 12th July	Reserve Sports Day	TBC
Room 2 Leavers' Party	Thursday 21st July	End of Summer Term	Thursday 21st July

### Fees/Hours

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. **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 your child has a temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell or any COVID-19 symptoms, they should **not attend** until well enough to do so.
- 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 these, 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.



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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