



Lilly Brook Pre-School Bickley Newsletter

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Lilly Brook Childcare Newsletter October 2020

Welcome, especially all our new parents to the setting.

We hope you enjoy our Autumn term newsletter and find it informative.

We have many new families who have joined our preschool and many returning after the Covid-19 measures were introduced.

We review and update our procedures regularly and have added a section on our website which includes our QR code, which you will see on our gate. This will enable you to check in when visiting us. You will also be able to see and read our policies and procedures including Covid-19.

It's amazing to have you all back.

Updates, news and developments

Pick Up and Drop off notification

At pick up and drop off we ask all parents to ensure they wait until their entrance or pick up time before ringing the bell. We have start and finish times to accommodate our routine and to settle the children. Staff will come out at 09:30 to welcome the morning children in for our hello song. We bring children out at 12:30 once the goodbye song has been sung for those leaving at 12.30. Please wait until it is your time to start or finish to press the bell and be aware of your start and end time. This helps the children understand routine.

The songs we are introducing to the children in the 1st half of the autumn term 2020 are

- **Hello to the children of the world -**
https://youtu.be/2nYjGy_ZUG8
- **The grand old duke of York -**
<https://youtu.be/TWWNFB8grkw>
- **Twinkle Twinkle Little Star-** <https://youtu.be/yCjYiqpAuU>
- **I had a little turtle –**
This is a variation of the version we sing
<https://youtu.be/dpGJcY4brhs>
- **Sing a song of sixpence -** <https://youtu.be/BVdKr764038>

Please practice these songs at home with your children if you wish.



Half Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

We break up for christmas on Friday the 18th December 2020 and return for the Spring term on Monday the 4th January 2021



More of what is new at Lilly Brook Pre School Bickley

The second half of the Autumn Term we will introducing the following songs:

One two buckle my shoe - <https://youtu.be/C90X4gKq-jI>
 Snowman - <https://youtu.be/-b-U1eQgBmk>
 The big ship sailed on the Alley Alley O - <https://youtu.be/M9KHKD819XQ>
 Snowflake - <https://youtu.be/tbbKjDjMDok>
 Bobby Shaftoe - <https://youtu.be/JBN2xe2aYUY>
 Incey Wincey Spider - <https://youtu.be/TMfPKUz3hvE>

Focus Activities this Term

Week Commencing Autumn 2020 Focus Activity Planner	
07 September	Social Stories Sharing
14 September	Social Stories making new friend's puppets
21 September	Emotions recognition and house activity
28 September	Social Stories, Conflict Resolution puppets
05 October PD and LD	Wheels on the Bus large motor skills 2-year old's How to draw session circles and lines activity
12 October	Sound Swat My name my sounds
19 October	Obstacle Course
HALF	TERM

We have been looking at colour, mixing and changing two colours into one. This includes blue and red to make purple and blue and yellow to make green. Please feel free to do activities involving these themes at home.

New enquiry phone line

We have a new landline number for non-emergency questions for the office about spaces or new enquiries. This line is not based at the setting and can take messages on an answer machine.

The number is 0208 313 9806

Appropriate clothing, spare clothing and water bottles

It is now getting much colder and we need parents to remember:

- Send your child in with a coat suitable for the weather and ensure it is labeled with their name. The children love playing outside in all weathers.
- A hat labeled with their name.
- Gloves labeled with their name
- A pair of wellies for play outside with thick socks to keep feet warm
- We need you to provide us with at least 10 spare knickers or pants if your child is potty training and at least 3 pull ups or nappies in a bag and wipes all labeled with your child's name if in nappies.
- You will need to provide a water bottle every day and we will replenish its contents. It will be sent home to you every evening.

Some You tube Hacks

https://youtu.be/41ql_jKK_ZA
<https://youtu.be/4nwlLrcrVGg>

Some links to all in ones suitable for all weather play

https://www.trespass.com/dripdrop-kids-waterproof-rain-suit?gclid=Cj0KCQjw2or8BRCNARIsAC_ppyZZnHN-6r4iuuDsOI61Xqb4IrwX0UzVGM7gCHyJmZpdFZ-UnHYREaQaAhnjEALw_wcB#color_code=Navy+Blue&size_legacy=2%2F3 - (down to £24.99 from 49.99)

Staff Team

We would like to say a sad farewell to Amie who has moved away from the area preventing her from returning to us. However, Cherelle is returning to work after half term.



We will not be doing any visits to the elderly care home or park this term to limit the risk to our children in our care.

Reporting Absences

Please note if you are going to be late we need to be made aware so we can record reasons. We are required by the local borough to keep records on attendance just as schools are. Below are the methods you can use to report an absence or lateness for appointments etc.

Report online:

<https://www.lillybrookchildcare.co.uk/absence-lateness-recording>

Report via email:

lillybrookchildcare@outlook.com

Or call on: 07518 103 023

It is important to note children are allowed a maximum of 15 days off in a term if receiving funding. We must have an email to cover the reason for all absences as you may be liable for fees should these 15 days be exceeded.

Accidents and Injuries on arrival

Please could parents let us know if your child has had an accident or injury at home on arrival at the setting, as we have to record these on entry as part of our professional practice. We understand children have accidents and injuries from time to time.

Doctors letters

For children's records we need copies of doctor's letters in regard to

- Audiology reports
- Pediatrician reports and appointments
- Speech and language reports.

This is for our SEN records. We need to know if a child is receiving support from one of these services as it is important in the process of tailoring our individual support.

Speech and Language concerns

If you have concerns regarding your child's Speech and Language, please speak to Jenna Lindow who is our setting SENCO.

You can also call:

0300- 330 – 5777

There are no drop-in clinics due to COVID but this helpline will allow you to talk to someone to arrange an appointment.

Please let Jenna know if you have called this line to make an appointment as lead SENCO it is so helpful to keep a track of support being accessed.

2 Year Checks

All 2-year old's are offered a two year check with their health visitor. Please can parents let us know when they have their appointment so we can produce our two year old check document for you to take along with you.

Lunchboxes

Please remember

No peanut butter or nuts.

No Pesto as this has pine nuts

If you would like to have ideas on healthy lunches let us know



Places

We are now operating a waiting list for 2-year-old spaces.

If you are interested in extending to further days please leave a message on our enquiry line message service or email us with your desired days to go on a waiting list or confirm if you are already down for this.

We have limited 3-5-year-old spaces. Please let us know if there are any days or times you wish to be on the waiting list for later.

Priority is given to existing parents

Survey

Please click the link below to gain access to our Autumn term 2020 survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5TXLC3D>

We would love all parents and carers to take part so we can improve our service to you and develop our setting plans.