



Fordbridge Childcare Plus

Newsletter

December 2024





Diary Dates



Friday 20th December 2024- Children break up for end of Term
Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025- End of Term Holiday
Monday 6th January 2025- Children return
27th January 2025- INSET Day- School closed to all children

Special Dates for December please see the 3rd page of this newsletter.

Christmas Crafts

Please can we ask you to bring in any small cardboard boxes, empty kitchen roll tubes, or any old wrapping paper and cards you are no longer using.
This is for Christmas activities and Christmas crafts with your children.

Thank you.

End of Term

We are now on the countdown to the end of Autumn Term. Now is the time we take part in magical activities, both at home and in school.
Spending quality time with the people closest to us.

We would love for you to upload photos of any special days you have out, or activities you take part in over the next 3 weeks, onto EY Log. We look forward to looking at them with your children.

Keep a look out on EY Log for photos of all of our special activities we take part in over the next 3 weeks.

Reminder of Session Times

Please be reminded our Morning session is 8.30am-11.30am, our Afternoon session is 12.30pm-3.30pm.

Please ensure you collect your child on time at the end of their session.

Please note late collections are chargeable, and staff will have to inform you on the door, if you will be charged for a late collection.

We thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.

Home Learning

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star / Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.

Please can we ask you to practice either of these Rhymes at home with your child. It is your choice which song you would like to practice.

We will be singing these songs up until the last week of term, so if you hear your child singing them at home please join in.

Lyrics are below, both songs have the same tune as Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.



Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Way up high is where you are

Shining Bright for all to see

On the top of our Christmas Tree

Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Way up high is where you are

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

How I wonder what you are

Up Above the world so high

Like a diamond in the sky

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

How I wonder what you are

Weather Appropriate Clothes

The weather is very cold and rainy now.
Please ensure children are arriving, wearing, weather appropriate clothes, Wellington boots on rainy days. Hats, gloves, scarves and winter coats.

Please be aware, if children are not dressed appropriately for the weather, we may have to limit their access to outdoors, to keep them protected. The weather is now very cold.

We thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.



Important Notice

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers,

If you wish to speak with a member of staff from your child's room, that you call the setting to arrange an appointment.
If you wish to speak with someone at drop off or collection, please arrive to your child's door as normal, alert the staff member you wish to speak with them and step to the side until all children are either in the setting (at the beginning of their session) or released safely to their parents/carers (at the end of the session).
The staff member will then come out to speak with you.
Keeping the setting door open for prolonged periods of time, poses a Health and Safety/Safeguarding Risk as children can try to run out of the setting doors.

We thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.

Potty Training

If your child is potty training, please can we ask you to ensure you send them into setting with plenty of spare clothes, including underwear and socks, and spare shoes or wellies.

Thank you.



Health and Safety- REMINDER

Please can we ask you not to send your child into the setting if they have been given Calpol or any other pain/temperature relieving medication.

Medication will only mask children's symptoms and once the medication wears off, we can see considerable changes in children's moods and behaviour.
Whilst we appreciate it is important for children to attend Nursery, keeping the setting a positive experience for the children is also extremely important. If children are sent in unwell this can become a negative experience and set them back.

Please note, children are fine to attend setting, whilst they are taking any prescribed medication from the GP, such as antibiotics unless the GP has advised your child remain at home.

Please, can we also remind all parents/carers, in FCP, if your child has diarrhoea or sickness, children must remain off for 48-hours, from the last episode, for example, if your child stops being sick on a Tuesday afternoon, they are unable to return to setting until the Friday afternoon.

We thank you for your support and co-operation with this matter.



Special Dates for your Diary- for December 2024 FCP

From Monday 9th December 2024- Christmas Jumpers

Children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers, from this date until the end of term.

Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Fordbridge Childcare Plus- Christmas Parent/Carer Workshop and Donkey Visit

We would like to invite our parents/carers to join us for our Fordbridge Childcare Plus Christmas Parent/Carer workshop and Donkey visit.

AM children session – 10.15-11.15am
PM children session - 1.45pm-2.45pm

This is a special event for Fordbridge Childcare Plus.
For this event, please can we ask for a maximum of two guests per child, this includes siblings, if you are bringing a sibling, we can only accommodate one adult.

Please do not bring additional guests as we do not have the space and unfortunately will have to refuse entry

Wednesday 11th December 2024- Fordbridge Childcare Plus- Polar Express

Children can attend wearing their pyjamas.
We will be having fun activities, decorating biscuits, watching the movie and having hot chocolate.

Wednesday 18th December 2024- Visit to Mr and Mrs Claus

The Children will be going into main school to visit Mr and Mrs Claus in their grotto. Please ensure your child arrives on time on this day as they will be visiting as the first slot of each session.

Thursday 19th December 2024- Christmas Party Day

Children can attend wearing their Party clothes or Christmas clothes.
We will be having lots of fun and playing party games.



Winter Water Safety

Water can freeze when the temperatures are really low. We might see this frozen water as ice, snow or frost.

Icicles form when dripping water freezes.



Frost and snow form when water vapour freezes.

We can have lots of fun with water in winter ...

... but we need to remember to stay safe.





Ice is very slippery. Be careful when walking outside when it is icy.

Stay away from the edge of water in case you slip and fall in. Keep dogs on leads.





Never walk on frozen lakes, ponds and rivers.

If someone is in the water and needs help, shout for help and call the emergency services.

