


Fordbridge Childcare Plus

Newsletter



Week Beginning: **02nd October 2023**

Diary Dates



26th October 2023- Children break up for half term
27th October 2023- Inset Day
6th November 2023- Setting re-open, all children return.
22nd December 2023- Children break up end of Term.
8th January 2023- Setting re-open, Children return.




Autumn Treasure Walks

We would like for you to start going on Autumn Treasure walks.
Please can we ask you to collect leaves, conkers, acorns and any other Autumn treasure you may find, to bring into setting.
Whilst on your walks, please take some pictures of your adventures and upload them onto EY Log, this will make great talking points with your children about their adventures.



Have lots of fun treasure hunting!!



All About Me

The children are learning 'All About Me'

This week, we are talking with the children about themselves and their families.
Please, can we ask you to send in family photos from home. These can also include family pets in your home.

You can either email your pictures to childcareplus@fordbridge.solihull.sch.uk, upload them onto EY Log or print them at home and send them in. If you choose to print at home and send them in, please ensure they are in a plastic wallet, so they stay safe (you can collect a wallet from the FCP office).

Please ensure you write the names with the pictures, so we know who is who when your child speaks about their family/pets.
These pictures make great talking points and really help the children settle into school life.

Collection Times

Parents/Carers,

Please can we remind you, our sessions finish at 11.30am and 3.30pm.

Please can we ask you to ensure you are arriving on time to collect your child. Our gates open at around 20 past the hour, and children should all be exiting the site by half past the hour.

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

'WOW' Moments

Parents/Carers,

We would like to ask you to share your 'WOW' moments from home. We will be sending out slips for you to complete, please return them once you have filled in a 'WOW' moment.
Videos or pictures, can also be uploaded onto EY Log 'WOW' moments, can be anything your child has done or said, which is very special to you, and made you think WOW!!
We would love to share these moments with the children in setting and add them to our displays.
Thank you.



Monday 9th October 2023- Mental Health Awareness Day

On Monday 09th October, we will be supporting Mental Health Awareness Day, raising money for Mental Health Charity.
Children are welcomed and encouraged to attend on this day, wearing yellow or any other bright colours.
A voluntary donation of £1.00, would be gratefully received.
Thank you for your ongoing support.




Weather Appropriate Clothing

The weather is now changing daily.
Please can we ask you, to check the weather forecast and ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the days weather ahead.
Coats on rainy days and hats and sun cream on warmer days.

Please note if your child attends Fordbridge Childcare Plus, not dressed appropriately for the weather, we may have to restrict their time outdoors, to keep them protected.

Please can we also ask you to ensure, your child attends wearing appropriate footwear, please do not send your child to Fordbridge Childcare Plus in open-toed sandals, they are a health and safety risk when playing outdoors. Children must wear closed-toed shoes, at all times.

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

Old Clothing to be worn for Nursery

Please can we ask Parents/Carers to ensure children are dressed in old play clothes for attending Nursery, not nice new/expensive outfits. The children are very young and really do enjoy messy play. As much as staff try their very best, it is very difficult to ensure clothes do not get stained.
Can we please, also ask for children to wear appropriate shoes, which are easy for the staff and children to take off and put on.
We try to support the children in learning to be independent, shoes which are a difficult to get on and off cause children to struggle and become frustrated.

Health and Safety

Please can we ask you not to send your child into the setting if they have been given Calpol or any other paracetamol 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.

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

PTA- We are now looking for new members. To get involved contact us using the below information. You can give as much or as little time as you want to.

Email: fordbridgeparentsgroup@gmail.com **– Twitter:** @fordbridgepare1 **– Facebook:** @FPGPT

