

# Busy Otters Preschool

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a fun Easter and the Easter Bunny was generous!

As the weather is getting warmer we are making the most of being outside and enjoying the sunshine. Please could we remind you to apply suncream to your children before sending them in. We have purchased ASDA Protect 50 SPF Sensitive formula suncream to re-apply on the children after lunchtime if your child is in all day. If you would prefer us to apply a different type of suncream, could you please send in a named bottle. There has been some press about the addition of Almond Oil to some of the Children's range of Nivea suncream. Nivea have released a statement on this which you might find interesting if you wish to look into this further.

Continuing on the sunny and warmer weather theme, we would like to request that children do not come to Pre-School in open-toed sandals or croc type shoes that do not have a strap at the back as this poses a tripping hazard when the children are enjoying running around outside. We also request that children wear clothing that covers their shoulder as this place is often more susceptible to sunburn. We are having water play out more so if possible can we have plenty of named clothes as well.

We have water available for the children at all times of the day which they can ask for at any time. We have noticed that a number of the children prefer to drink from their own drinks bottles when they are outside so if you would like to send a second named bottle with water for them then that would be great. Don't worry if you'd prefer not to, your child will continue to have access to water throughout the day.

Our new Policy for Covid-19 prevention is to request that those children who have a positive Covid-19 test result remain off Pre-School for 3 days. Children with a fever but have not had a Covid-19 test should remain off until they are feeling well enough to return and after 24 hours of being without a fever. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Please can we remind you that our insurance for using the playground equipment and climbing frame does not start until your children are in our care at 9:15am. Because of this can you please ensure that your children stay off this at the start and end of the sessions.

Thank you to those parents who attended parents evening last week. We hope that you found it beneficial. If you have any feedback then please do let us know.

Finally, I'm sure many of you have noticed that there has been some work started in the garden. Jane, Paul and family have made a fantastic job of building us some planters. Last week some of the children helped to plant these which was a huge success. We have a bed for vegetables and another for flowers. The children enjoyed getting nice and dirty and

learning about growing! We will continue to plant other plants this week so everyone will have a chance to have a turn of watering and planting.

Dates for your calendar.

- Last day before half term is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May
- First day back after half term is Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June
- Sports day tbc
- Leavers day tbc

Team Busy Otters