**UP COMING DIARY DATES 2019**

**Monday 6th May**

CLOSED May Bank holiday

**8th & 9th May**

School Photos (school uniform)

**Monday 27th May**

CLOSED May Bank holiday

**W/c 10th June**

Parent craft week

**Tuesday 18th June**

Pre**-**school sports day (1pm to 3pm) Badgers, Foxes & Owls only

**Jul-Sept**

Summer reports

**Monday 26th Aug**

CLOSED Bank Holiday

**We would like to wish everyone at Beechoak Farm a Happy New Year. We wish everyone good health and happiness for 2019.**

**EXCLUSION REMINDER**

There does seem to be a nasty bug doing the rounds in our local area currently. Please may we remind parents that there is a **48 hour exclusion** after sickness and diarrhoea, this is from the last bout of either sickness or diarrhoea. So please do not send your child in if they are showing

any signs of this.

**SPARE CLOTHES**

Please can we ask that if your child is sent home in spare clothes that they are returned, we are getting low on our spare clothes. Alternatively if you are having a clear out and have any spare knickers, pants, socks and trouser we would gratefully accept them.

**NAPPIES / WIPES**

Could we please remind parents to ensure that their child has enough nappies and wipes for the week, there are occasions when the children are running out. Classrooms normally have a note on their door asking for nappies and wipes.

**LATE COLLECTIONS**

Please ensure that your child is collected by 4pm of an evening unless they have been booked in for tea club. Some children are regularly here past 4pm which means that the teachers have less time to prepare their classrooms and paperwork for the following day.

Also could we ask that if your child is booked in for tea club that they are collected at or before 5pm as it has been noted some parents are collecting after 5pm.

**CHILDREN’S CHINESE DRAGON DANCE TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2019**

**(Unfortunately this event is only for children who attend on this day)**

The Chinese Dance Workshop will enable your children to learn folk dances from this exciting and diverse areas of the world, such as Fan Dance and Ribbon Dance. China has a strong history of various dance forms but its folk dances are amongst the most popular. Many traditional folk dances relate to important aspects of the Chinese culture such as hunting, harvest and ancient gods. The Chinese Dance workshop will give you child the opportunity to appreciate and experience the most historically fascinating areas of the world, whilst enjoying a fun and interactive session.

The Dragon Dance is one of the most anticipated events of the traditional Lunar New Year celebrations. While it is not to be confused with the Lion Dance, the Dragon dance is also performed on auspicious occasions and wards off evil spirits and welcomes good fortune.

Dragons are of course legendary animals, but they are important to Chinese people who think of dragons as helpful, friendly creatures. They are linked to good luck, long life and wisdom. They are nothing like the fierce, fire-breathing Western dragons that carry off princesses and eat people.

We are looking forward to this event please keep your eyes on Tapestry and on our website for photos.

**STAFF**

We are sad to inform you that Bonnie Brown will be leaving us on Tuesday 12th February 2019, Bonnie started with us in April 2012 and has been an excellent part of our team. We would like to wish Bonnie all the best for the future, Bonnie will be sadly missed by all the children, parents and staff.

Brogan Childs will be filling Bonnie’s position on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Brogan is currently in the Ducks on a Wednesday, prior to this you would have seen Brogan floating around the different classrooms in all of the age ranges.

Sam Shorter will then become super numery, you will then see Sam in the office and supporting the classes throughout the nursery.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Tina Daltrey and Gerri Forsyth who have been consistently covering in the Rabbits. Tina and Gerri have been supporting Alice in the Rabbits whilst we were trying to recruit a new member of staff, they have done a fantastic job and have kept it consistent for the room. Both Tina and Gerri have brought new and fresh ideas to the class and I’m sure the Rabbits children will miss them, going forward you will start to see Tina and Gerri covering around the school covering staff holidays.

Lauren French has joined our team, she will be working alongside Alice as Room Leader of the Rabbits. Lauren has been working for the past weeks covering on Wednesday’s and Friday's, she officially joins us fulltime from the 4th February. Lauren has extensive knowledge of working with young children, in particular toddlers. She is level 3 qualified and has worked in both nurseries and most recently as a nanny. Lauren also has experience of leadership, as she has led rooms previously, also taking on extra roles such as Deputy SENCo. Lauren is looking forward to joining our team and we are sure you will help us to welcome and settle her into life at Beechoak.

**FUND RAISING FOR WHIZZ-KIDZ £311**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated for Christmas Jumper Day we raised an amazing £311.02 for Whizz-Kidz. Harriett and Beechoak Farm are truly thankful to each and every one of you who helped raise this money.

Harriett will continue to raise money she has a quiz night planned for 2nd February 2019 at the Owl Pub and also is organising a raffle.

**OWL BOXES**

We are pleased to let you know that the owl boxes are now up and running, at the moment you can access the cameras from the office. We are hoping that in time we can get them linked to the classroom Ipads. At present we have seen some crows in the boxes, we will keep you updated with anymore activity.

**WINTER CLOTHING**

Winter is definitely here, the mornings are much colder, damper and quite icy. Could we please ask that you are dressing the children in suitable clothing for the weather and that the children have a coat, hats, scarves, mittens or gloves and wellie boots as well, every day that they are in. Often we use the back field as a nature trail and the children are able to check on our bug hotel for creepy crawlies and insects and also play in the mud kitchen.

**SHOES**

We encourage the children at Beechoak to become independent and encourage them to do as much for themselves as possible. Could we please remind you that shoes with Velcro straps are easier for the child to put on and off by themselves aiding their independence. Laces and converse style trainers are very difficult for the children to put on and can become a trip hazard if they become untied. No crocs, sandals or any other summer style shoes are allowed to be worn at Beechoak Farm during the summer months. Shoes must be closed toe and heel shoes i.e. not a flip flop but a plimsoll style.

**TAPESTRY**

Further to an earlier email we would just like to remind you that we will not be sending out daily Tapestry observations. It is essential that we have a balance between the amounts of time that our staff spend compiling these alongside supporting your children. As a staff team we feel that the time spent on Tapestry has taken over from spending quality time with your children, therefore going forwards we will only be recording significant achievements.

**INVOICING**

Is prepared and sent on or around the 20th of each month. If you are having trouble receiving these emails please do check your spam or junk files as sometimes they are delivered there. Payments are due on or before the first of the month, at which time the FEE Planner will take your direct debit payment. If you are using the childcare voucher please ensure that these are also with us on or before the first of each month.

Any account enquiries should be forwarded to June from accounts by way of email beechoakfarmaccounts@btconnect.com.

**PLEASE REMEMBER!**

* Please do not allow the children to climb on the statue.
* To ensure your child is sent in with appropriate clothing and footwear during the cold, wet winter months. No UGGs or UGG style shoes are allowed at nursery.
* For safeguarding purposes we ask you not to use your mobile phone once you are through the school gate. Please finish any phone calls and refrain from answering calls whilst on the premises.
* Please make sure that the main gate and gates through the field are fully closed behind you at dropping off and collection times.
* Please reverse into parking bays for the safety of the children.
* Please call in the event of your child’s absence especially if you child has a special diet. The office is open from 7.45am in the morning, alternatively please leave a message or email.
* Please drop off promptly at 9am as late drop offs disrupt the classes. Also can we remind parents to collect by 4pm or 5pm if your child is booked into tea club, any late collections are chargeable and extremely disruptive to our staff.
* Could we please also ask that siblings are not left unsupervised on the premises at drop off/ collection time. Please keep them with you at all times, we cannot be held responsible for their safety.
* Can you please refrain from sending food products in. We have many children with allergies and it is essential that they do not come into contact with certain foods.
* A notice board is situated outside the main office which is updated every Friday evening for the following week with the upcoming events, lunches etc. So please keep an eye on this so you do not miss out.

Kindest Regards

Beechoak Farm Team