



Newsletter – Spring 2018

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Welcome back to 2018. Another year has flown by.

Thank you from all the staff for the lovely gifts that they received.

Christmas Party Update

For the first time ever, we had to cancel the Christmas party.

We were hoping to hold a new year party in January but that is passing us by.

As soon as I have managed to secure a venue and date we will inform you.

Nativity

Thank you and well done to everyone who attended the Nativity. It was so lovely to see so many children's parents and friends attending.

My thanks to Catherine, Amber, Tara and Maggie for all their hard work and to Jill for once again narrating for us.

If you have any photo or videos please can you send them to proprietor@ellwoodnursery.co.uk.

Visit to the Coombs Residential Home



Our visit to the Coombs Residential home was well received and looked wonderful.

We have been invited back to the Coombs to take part in their Easter Parade 7th April 11.00 am. More details to follow.

Snacks for the Spring term

This term we are asking that parents ensure they bring in some snack to share with the other children.

If you are unable to bring in snack for the snack bowl we are asking for a donation of 50p per session.

This term the focus for snack is:

**Crumpets,
English muffins
and fruit**

The children look forward to tasting different food and enjoy sitting down to snack together. Thank you for your support.

Please remember we have a no nut policy.

Clothing



We are always busy playing at Ellwood and outdoor play is a big part of our routine.

Children love to explore the dirt and water. So, they can be comfortable after they have finished their exploration could you please put a bag of spare clothes in a rucksack on their peg. Please, for safety purposes, do not put your child's clothes in carrier bags as these can cause suffocation.

Forest Adventures take place on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We have noticed that some children are getting cold very quickly. This means that we have to reduce the time we spend on this activity by returning to the nursery earlier than planned. Please can you layer your children's clothes and ensure that they have hats and gloves. Please can you check that their wellies fit them. On these two days please bring your children into nursery ready for the adventure. By supporting us with this means we can get into the woods earlier and have longer to explore.

Please label all clothes as there are many cardigans and coats that look the same.



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Nappies

To ensure your child is comfortable please can you supply nappies and wet wipes daily.

Could you bring them into nursery so the staff can put them into the child's named pouch upstairs?

Lunches

We are able to offer hot lunches which are cooked by Yorkley School Kitchen. They are very tasty and there is a good selection of meals offered.

There is a big menu displayed on the Parents Information Board in the cloakroom.

The cost per day is just £3.00 which is payable in advance or on the day. We are sorry but we cannot offer credit for hot dinners.

Policies

We will be reviewing our "Behaviour" policy. Please check out our website www.miarosenurseries.co.uk or have a look in the cloakroom at the hard copy displayed.

Please either email proprietor@ellwoodnursery.co.uk or you can write your comments and hand in to a member of staff.

Question of the Term

The question is, as usual, prominently displayed on the the parent's board in the cloakroom. This term we have decided to include it in the newsletter.

Last term we asked if you knew who your child's key person was. 100% of people did which is fantastic.

Key persons are your first point of contact should you have a concern or wish to update the nursery of circumstances. They also ensure that your child is making progress and you will link with them at parent reflection sessions. Key persons ensure a smooth transition into nursery and school.

This term our question is : Do you know how to find out information about nursery? i.e events and important dates.

Contact Numbers

Please make sure all your contact numbers are up to date. Up to date contact numbers are important for a number of reasons including:

Bad Weather - should the weather become poor we may need to contact you quickly. If the nursery is not open in the morning, please check our website www.ellwoodnursery.co.uk. We will endeavour to use BBC Radio Gloucestershire to inform you as well.

Sickness - should your child fall ill (including any form of sickness or diarrhoea) we will need to contact you to let you know and to arrange for you to collect your child and take them home to recover.

Parents are reminded that children must be kept out of nursery for at least 48 hours following any bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Development Plans

We have been doing some reflective thinking, and as a team we have made a development plan on how we can improve our practice and environment here at Ellwood.

You can see development plan on the parent's board in the cloakroom.

Half-term Holiday Club 12th - 16th February

This is already on our website:

www.miarosenurseries.co.uk .

Take a look there are lots of exciting activities including some lovely things to make for that special person.

Parent Consultation 22nd February - 16.00-19.00

Day and Evening – formal parents consultations.

An opportunity for parents and families to reflect upon their child's progress with their child's key person

E-Mails to book your space will be sent out.



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What's on this term:

Healthy Breakfast 15th & 16th March 2018

Once again, we will join with the school to enjoy a free Healthy Breakfast.

This is being held in the school hall on Thursday 15th March 2018 and Friday 16th March 2018. Please save the dates. All families are invited.

On our website there is a section Looking Back and there are some wonderful photographs of the past Healthy Breakfasts, take a look.

Fundraising Week at Nursery March 26th – 29th

We will be holding an Easter fundraising event throughout the week of March 26th – 29th.



We have been completing a mathematics audit and would like to purchase some new resources for our outdoor space and a new shed.

Easter Stay and Play 29th March 15.00-16.00

This is your opportunity to come and play with the children.

If you have a special skill or a story you would like to read please let us know.

If you can come please let a member of staff know.

Term Dates

Term - Starts	3 rd Jan. 2018
Half Term Holiday - Starts	12 th Feb. 2018
Half Term Holiday - Ends	16 th Feb. 2018
Term - Ends	29 th Mar. 2018
Summer Term - Starts	16 th Apr. 2018

Thank you for your continuing support,

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