



May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our Coronation celebrations in the garden. We will be holding another family event on the last week of term as we say goodbye to our children moving on to reception and celebrate another great year of learning and fun at Little Hayes (more details below). We hope all our families will be able to join us.

Here are some important dates, news items and reminders for the final term.

STAFFING

Please join us in welcoming **Karen** and **Fareda** to our administration team.

Next term we also welcome **Wayne** as our new caretaker.

Jess who has been on placement in Oak room while studying for a degree in Early Childhood Studies at Bath Spa, will be staying with us for the final term to help support children with additional needs.

Evelina, a parent of a child in Willow room, has been nominated, seconded and appointed as our new parent governor. Welcome to the Little Hayes team!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 5 finishes on Friday 26 May 2023. We hope you have a lovely week and enjoy the final May bank holiday. Term 6 starts on Monday 5 June 2023 and finishes on Friday 21 July 2023.

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 7th June - half day closure. Nursery closes at 11.30am.

Wednesday 5th July - closed all day.

END OF TERM FAMILY PICNIC

Come and join the fun for a stay and play family picnic on **Wednesday 19th July 2023 11am to 2pm**. There will be no nursery sessions that day. Bring a picnic and blanket, and a swimming costume and towel for the children, as there will hopefully be water activities available.

COOKERY WORKSHOPS WITH THE CHILDREN'S KITCHEN

The Children's Kitchen will be holding some cookery workshops next term which will be an opportunity to explore food together with your child. You can also choose fresh produce and ingredients to take home. The sessions run over two weeks, and you can choose either a morning or afternoon slot.

Wednesday 14th June **9 – 10am** or **12.30-1.30pm**

Wednesday 28th June **9 – 10am** or **12.30-1.30pm**

The sessions will be held in the Vassals Centre, Gill Avenue, BS16 2QQ (just around the corner). Places are limited so please book a slot with Karen at reception. [Find out more here.](#)

BABY PHOTO

As part of our end of year celebrations and learning about how we all grow and change, please can you email a baby photo of your child ready for Term 6.

Email to :

Willow room natalie.hardidge@bristol-schools.uk

Oak room natalie.williams@bristol-schools.uk or tanya.tooby@bristol-schools.uk

HERE COMES THE SUN!

As the weather is warming up, please can you remember to put sun cream on your child each day, as we spend much of the day outside, or dress them in light weight long sleeved tops. We will have a factor 50 cream to reapply in the afternoons if needed, but if you have a specific sun cream for your child, please label and put in their bag. We will focus activities in the shaded areas of the garden during the hottest parts of the day but children will still need sunhats for protection. We have some available here, but they tend to prefer to wear their own hat. **Please help us by naming their hat.**

CHICKENPOX, VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA

We have had several children with vomiting and diarrhoea this term. Please remember that children must **stay away from nursery for 48 hours** following the last bout of either vomiting or diarrhoea to prevent them infecting other children. Please call the office to report all sicknesses and absences. We currently have a few cases of chickenpox. Children with chickenpox must stay away from nursery until all the spots/blisters have scabbed over. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Next term we will be supporting the **children moving on to school** in a number of ways. Some reception teachers will be visiting the nursery and many of you will be invited to attend meetings or transition events at their new schools.

On Wednesday 14th June there will be a transition meeting between nursery staff and the local reception teachers to share information about your child to help their transition.

[The Bristol Early Years website has lots of useful ideas to help parents to support their child's transition to reception.](#)

All returning children will automatically be offered a place at Little Hayes for next year. You will be receiving a letter shortly which you can complete to specify which sessions you would prefer. We will only have a limited number of 30 hour places available. If you work over 16 hours and earn less than £100,000 per year you may qualify. Full details of this scheme and how to apply are available from <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> Please check your eligibility and let us know as soon as possible.

We will then offer places to children on the waiting list. We still have some spaces available so please spread the word to your family and friends.

PLANTING AND GROWING

The children have been enjoying planting beans and seeds and caring for the new seedlings. We have lots more space to fill around our garden so if you have any spare plants, we are happy to receive donations.

HAPPY READING

The children have been enjoying our daily story time sessions and many are regularly borrowing books to read at home. Please remember to return the books each Wednesday ready to swap for a new one.

Next term there will be a real focus on story telling in many different ways, though songs, acting, using props, small world resources and story maps. The children will be learning to tell a story of their own.

If you would like to find out more about supporting your child's learning and reading at home, the [Words for Life website](#) has some great ideas.

For books about starting school, [check the Bristol Early Years website.](#)

MORNING SNACK TIME

We offer a daily morning snack for the children but rely on voluntary donations from parents. All donations of fruit and vegetables or plain cereals (no sugar, nut or chocolate cereals) are gratefully received.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for all your £1 voluntary contributions. This money helps us to purchase ingredients for cooking and resources for craft activities. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

SPARE CLOTHES

Although the weather is getting better we may still be getting dirty and muddy in the garden and will be engaging in lots of water play. We have limited spare clothes available, so please ensure your child has a change of clothes each day. We would also be very grateful for any donations of socks, pants and trousers.

NAPPIES AND WIPES

If your child wear nappies, please remember to send in wet wipes with their nappies every day.

NO DOGS

We would like to remind everyone that no dogs, other than assistance dogs, should be brought onto the nursery premises.

HOT MEALS

Don't forget that hot meals are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Meals are provided by Chartwells and menus are available in the office. Please remember that all meals must be ordered and paid for at reception, by Friday for the next week.

LUNCHBOX HINTS

You **do not need to:**

- include cutlery for lunch time as we will provide as required
- pack additional drinks for your child. We supply a choice of milk or water at snack and lunch times

Please:

- ensure that no sweets, chocolates or sugary drinks are packed in lunch boxes
- cut grapes in half as they can be a choking hazard
- no popcorn (see link below)
- do not pack items containing any nut products – we are a totally nut-free setting and have children with nut allergies

[See full early years guidance on choking hazards here.](#)

CLOTHING/TEXTILE BANK

Our textile bin next to the buggy park in the front garden has proven to be very popular since its installation. Thank you to everyone who has donated textiles. The textile re-use industry creates trade in the UK as well as abroad and gives people access to good quality, affordable used clothing and textiles. Your donations will provide another source of income to help us provide additional resources for the children.

You can donate clean usable clothing, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. Please place all items in a bag before donating.

PLEASE CLOSE THE GATES BEHIND YOU

For the safety of all the children, please remember to close the front gates behind you every time you enter and leave the nursery. This will prevent children being able to run out of the gate and, potentially, into the road.

If you have any questions, or require further information about any of the above, please speak to the office or your child's keyworker.

We hope you all have an enjoyable week and we look forward to seeing in Term 6.

From the Little Hayes team.