

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pheasey Park Farm Early Years Centre

Early Years Centre Easter Newsletter

We would like to wish all our children and parents a Safe and Happy Easter 2022.

May we remind all parents that the Centre will be closed to all children from 6pm Friday 8th April 2022. Payable children will return Tuesday 19th April 2022. Funded children will return Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Account Details

The Early Years Centre Bank details:

Bank details: Lloyds Bank **Sort Code:** 30-99-80 **Account Number:** 11227063

Account Name: Elston Hall MAT ta Pheasey Park Farm PS

Please add your child's name as a reference

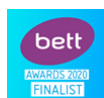
Invoices

Please ensure invoices are paid in full by 1st of each month to avoid late charges.

If you pay via Childcare Vouchers, please ensure payment is set up with sufficient time to reach our bank account by 1st of each month.

Minimax Bookings

With parent/carers returning to work following restrictions being lifted, numbers have increased in Minimax and availability is limited due to staffing ratios, therefore we are asking for parent/carers to inform the Early Years Centre of regular shift patterns a month in advance. If additional adhoc sessions are required, please email early-years@pheasey.org.uk with the additional sessions required by 12:00pm on Friday the week before at the latest and we will try to accommodate



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Sessions required in an emergency must be booked through early-years@pheasey.org.uk and parent/carers must wait an email confirming availability. Please do not telephone to ask for additional bookings, all booking must be requested via email.

May I remind parents that 4 weeks notice is required for cancellation or changes to Minimax bookings

Please ensure an adult accompanies all children to the door when bringing them to Minimax in the morning.

Playgroup Session Times

Could parents please ensure their children arrive and are collected at the playgroup session times below:

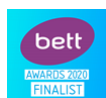
AM playgroup - Staff will greet you and your child at the gate at 8:45am and will bring your child to you at the gate at 11:45am

PM playgroup - Staff will greet you and your child at the gate at 12:30pm and will bring your child to you at the gate at 3:30pm

When staff have to get the door outside of the hours it disrupts the children's learning. If your child has an appointment, please email early-years@pheasey.org.uk of the time and date and your child will be brought to you via the main reception. From after Easter, staff will be unable to come to the doors at other times so please do not arrive early unless your child has an appointment, and the office has been informed.

Child Absence

If your child is going to be absent from Nursery could you call 0121 366 7639 on the day to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. You can also add absences directly to Famly giving the reason for the absence.



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30 Hours Funding

The term after children turn 3 years old parents may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare to check your eligibility visit www.gov.uk

If you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare, then you will be required to provide the Early Years Centre with the code and parents National Insurance Number to allow us to check and confirm the code is valid. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that you have a valid code when notified by HMRC to refresh the code.

Please ensure you inform the Early Years Centre office if you have a valid 30 hours funded code when your child becomes eligible.

Please ensure your 30 hour code was applied for before 31st March 2022 if you are intending to use 30 hours from April 2022.

2 Year Funding

If you are eligible for 2 year funding for your child from the term after their 2nd birthday please contact Walsall Council on 01922 653383 to apply for a code.

Once you receive the code, please notify the Early Years Centre of your code and this will then be checked for eligibility.

Photographs

Tempest Photography will be at the Early Years Centre to take individual photographs of the children on Tuesday 10th May 2022

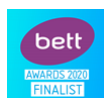
Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin again in April 2022. For all enquiries contact the Early Years Centre at early-years@pheasey.org.uk

Twitter

We often 'tweet' events/photographs on our school/EYC Twitter account. Please follow us on [@pheaseyschool](https://twitter.com/pheaseyschool)

Staffing Updates



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We welcomed Ellie to the Early Years Centre on 1st April 2022, Ellie is a very experienced practitioner, and she will be working as a Room Leader in Pre Nursery 1.

We will be welcoming back Tania on 3rd May 2022. Tania worked at the Early Years Centre previously for many years and is a very experienced childcare practitioner.

Fund Raising

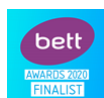
We would like to say a massive thank you for your kindness and generosity with raising money for our fund-raising events last term.

Combined amounts raised by the school and Early Years Centre

Red Nose Day 18.03.2022 - Total £838.25

World Book Day 03.03.2022 - Total £465.16

Bookfair February 2022 - Total £1384.85



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BABY ROOM - Spring Term

During the Spring term, the children have been creating and learning about senses and nursery rhymes. The children have listened to and joined in with various nursery rhymes. During the week learning about Humpty Dumpty, the children created their own Humpty Dumpty adding facial features, arms and legs. The children enjoyed learning The Wheels on the Bus rhyme, rolling big and small buses through paint to see the marks they leave. We then had a week about Baby Shark finding hidden coloured sharks in the outside garden and dancing to baby shark on the IWB. The children took part in lots of different activities based on each of the nursery rhymes. During the week learning The 3 Little Ducks, the children had a water play activity using ducks, splashing and counting ducks in the water play. The children also used sponges to create a duck, pressing the sponge onto paper to create the yellow duck. Children have been supported during these activities with using single words to develop communication and language skills. The children enjoyed the sensory experiences and have been provided with angel delight, shaving foam playdough, hay, cereals and free from custard for the children to experience the different textures in their play.

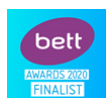
We wish the children moving into Pre-Nursery 1 after Easter all the best on their next adventure. We will miss them all. Yvonne, Helen, Ella and Danielle.

PRE NURSERY 1 - Spring Term

During the Spring Term in Pre Nursery 1, the children have been learning about the weather and seasons. They have made handprint trees for each season, learnt about different animals and what time of year they come out and what kind of weather you may find during each season. In our role-play area we have set a clothes shop with clothes from each season in and the children used them to dress up like they were going to the beach or dressed up for jumping in muddy puddles. We have done lots of activities for each season, some include dressing up laminated dolls with the appropriate clothes for winter, find the Autumn animals which are hidden under autumn coloured jelly, making buckets and spades out of junk modelling and matching coloured pom poms to make a caterpillar. We have read stories linked to each season to the children including flap books and texture books to introduce turn taking while encouraging the children to recall what they have seen in the pictures and key parts to the story. This week we are learning about Autumn and some activities include, recognising numbers on fallen autumn leaves, making autumn shakers with autumn coloured pasta and lentils, exploring an autumn themed tuff tray and going on an autumn walk around the school to find fallen leaves the children can collect.

We wish the children moving to Pre-Nursery 2 all the best. Amy, Parmjit, Lauren and Tracy

PRE NURSERY 2 - Spring Term



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During the Spring term in Pre Nursery 2 we have covered the topic "Can I have a pet".

We have learnt about lots of different animals. We learnt about what food they eat, what environments they live in and what they need to be cared for and looked after.

We were lucky enough to meet a pet hamster, where we learnt how to handle the hamster gently.

We turned our role play area into a vets where the children spent a lot of time role playing developing their imagination whilst pretending to look after different animals.

We are currently covering the topic "What can I eat."

We have learnt what's ingredients we need to bake a cake and how to mix and measure ingredients. We read a story called "The Little Red Hen" which we learnt about the hen collecting ingredients to make bread. We then made our own bread rolls. We learnt how to knead our dough.

We have explored lots of different fruits and vegetables using all our sense including, smell, taste and touch and we developed our language by using lots of different describing words. During group discussions we talked about healthy and unhealthy food. The children then had the opportunity to make their own fruit smoothies and had these as a healthy snack during the day.

We wish all the children a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you after Easter where we will be introducing our new topic which is "Can you tell me a story".

MINI MAX - Spring Term

During the Spring Term, Minimax have enjoyed and taken part in a number of activities and celebrations. Children have enjoyed planting seeds and learning what conditions are needed to enable them to grow.

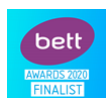
The children have also looked at all four capital cities within the United Kingdom and researched each one recognizing their emblems and traditions.

On World Book Day children came dressed in a variety of book characters and on Shrove Tuesday we had our very own pancake flipping races.

In celebration of all the mother figures our children made scrabble art named pictures and hanging flower baskets.

Due to the very fine weather this term it has been great for us to go outdoors and enjoy the beautiful sunshine.

This term the children at the Early Years Centre have celebrated Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day, World Book Day and Comic Relief,



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Have a safe and enjoyable Easter.
Yours sincerely,



Miss T Ilsley
Early Years Centre Manager

