

Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pheasey Park Farm Early Years Centre December Newsletter

Early Years Centre Christmas Newsletter

We would like to wish all our children and parents a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year 2022.

May we remind all parents that the Centre will be closed to all children from Friday 17th December 2021. Payable children will return on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Funded children will return on Wednesday 5th January 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

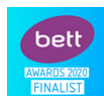
Please add your child's name as a reference

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.

January 2022 Fees Price Increase

There has been a price increase on some childcare sessions - Please see attached fees price list



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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.

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

Please ensure you have applied for and provided the Centre with your code before 31st December 2021 if you are intending to use 30 hours in January 2022.

2 Years Funding

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

There are no changes to our current guidance, and we would respectfully ask all parents to continue wearing face coverings, unless you are exempt, and continue to observe social distancing when on site.

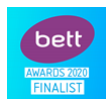
Please ensure an adult accompanies all children when bringing them to Minimax in the morning.

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 January 2022. For all enquiries contact the Early Years Centre at early-years@pheasey.org.uk



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Twitter

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

Staffing Updates

Leeanne will be leaving the Early Years Centre on 17th December 2021, we wish Leeanne all the best for the future. We will be welcoming Laura to the Early Years Centre on 5th January 2022, Laura is a very experienced practitioner, and she will be working in Pre Nursery 2.

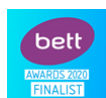
Fund Raising

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

Just Giving Page for a local family - we raised £1024.50

Children in Need - we raised £25.00

Breakfast with Santa - we raised £215.00



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BABY ROOM - Topic for the Autumn Term (2) - Exploring Sounds

In Baby Room the children have been exploring different sounds made with musical instruments. The children created different pictures of instruments and we talked about the sounds they made. We took the children out for a walk around the school ground and listen to the different sounds in the environment.

We use cereals that we're crushed up for the children to walk bare feet over to hear the sounds. The children took part in a Sponsored Welly Walk and had lots of fun jumping in the puddles, splashing and running around the playground.

The children had a lovely time having Breakfast with Santa

PRE NURSERY 1 - Topic for the Autumn Term (2) - How can I get there

In Pre-Nursery 1 this term our topic has been 'How can I get there'. The children have looked at different types of transport, bus, train, cars. The children created buses by printing with bubble wrap.

Pictures of different modes of transport were hidden for the children to find and then talk about, they also learnt about the traffic light system, stop, wait, and go and using the crossings.

In Pre-Nursery 1 the children have celebrated Halloween, where we carved a Pumpkin and looked and felt the texture of the inside. The children made fireworks using chocolate fingers, icing and sprinkles and coloured and decorated Rangoli patterns for Diwali. The children are currently enjoying taking part in lots of different activities for Christmas including decorating stockings, snowmen, and Christmas trees. The children have also been singing and dancing to a variety of Christmas songs.

PRE NURSERY 2 - Topic for the Autumn Term (2) - Celebrations

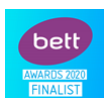
This term Pre-Nursery 2 have been learning about different celebrations. The children have celebrated Halloween, by making bats and spiders out of handprints. The children have also carved a Pumpkin.

We also celebrated bonfire night creating our own fire work display by squeezing paint out of a zip lock bag. We had lots of fun!

We then learnt about other cultural celebrations like, Diwali, St Andrew's Day and Hanukkah. We learnt about the different foods that they eat and tried some cultural foods. We danced and made crafts representing the different celebrations/festivals.

The children have been busy celebrating Christmas making various arts and crafts, Christmas wreaths using our handprints, cards, calendars, stockings, crackers, the children have also enjoyed performing their Christmas Sing Along, having Breakfast with Santa and their Christmas party activities

MINI MAX - Autumn Term (2)



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In Minimax this term our topics have included Remembrance, Children in Need, Healthy eating, St Andrew's Day and Christmas around the world.

In celebration of Remembrance Day children cut out and assembled paper spit fires from WW2 and gained knowledge on Morse Code and created their own Morse code messages.

Our healthy eating topic encouraged the children to look at what healthy items they have in their packed lunches and snacks.

All of the children in Minimax enjoyed taking part in lots of fun Christmas activities, we have been looking at other countries and how they celebrate Christmas and their traditions and incorporating them in our craft activities by using the colours of traditional flags on our baubles and other decorations.

This term we have also had the opportunity to go into the KS2 hall and play lots of team games, dodgeball being a clear favourite.

This term the children at the Early Years Centre have celebrated Remembrance Day, Children in Need, St Andrew's Day, Bonfire Night, Halloween, Hanukkah and Christmas



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Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.
Yours sincerely,



Miss T Ilsley
Early Years Centre Manager

