



Boston Nursery School Summer Term 2022 Newsletter

It's really good to be back for the summer term and we are happy to welcome several new children and families to our nursery this term.



We are looking forward to a summer term full of fun and engaging learning as we are easing out of Covid restrictions. However, it would be wise to remember that Covid has not disappeared, and we need to be mindful of how best to move forward as we learn to live with Covid.

Covid-19 Update



On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Updated guidance advises:

Children who are unwell and who have a high Temperature, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to nursery/school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or

feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

There is no longer a requirement for staff or children to take a test. However, adults/staff who do test and have a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.

Please contact Mrs. Carr in our office if you are worried about your child or unsure what to do, but please do not bring them into school until you have spoken to someone. We are always happy to advise you.

These are things you can still do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

The nursery will no longer provide weekly home learning sheets for children who are absent due to Covid-19.



Administrator and office hours

Mrs. Carr is our office administrator who is always happy to help with your enquiries. Please be aware our office hours are 8.30 am – 12.30 pm. Contact telephone number is: 01205 358647 E-mail address is: admin@parliamentfederation.co.uk

Absences from nursery

Please remember to contact nursery **on the morning of the first day** of your child's absence, to let us know why they are not in nursery. If your child will be away for an extended period of time, e.g. for a family holiday, please be reminded you need to notify us in writing in advance of your child's absence.

New Member of Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Harwood to our nursery team. Mrs. Harwood is a part-time Teaching Assistant and Mid-day Assistant. As such, she will be working across the nursery supporting all the children and staff, in the mornings and at lunchtimes.



Healthy Eating



Boston Nursery School currently has children and adults who risk suffering a life threatening reaction to nuts. For this reason, we ask that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts or kiwi fruit, even for their own consumption.

Labelling Personal Belongings

Please ensure that all of your child's personal belongings (clothing, bags, wellies, and lunch boxes) are clearly labelled with your child's name. Many of the children do bring the same items into school and it is difficult to distinguish who they belong to unless they have a name label, thank you.

Summer clothing and sun protection



As the weather warms up throughout the summer, please ensure your child arrives in school with sun screen protection **already applied**, to protect them for the day. If your child is attending nursery all day and you feel they will need to have sun screen re-applied, you may send sunscreen, clearly labelled with your child's name, and it will be stored in our kitchen area to prevent children with allergies unintentionally accessing the cream.

Children should also have a sun hat in nursery, again clearly marked with their name.

Please be aware that summer sandals are not the safest footwear for active youngsters at nursery. Therefore, we recommend children wear trainers or other closed toe and heel footwear at nursery, even on hot days as they will want to play outside, climb on our play equipment and run and move freely. Wellies are still required for outdoor sand and water play. Please remember to provide your child



with a bag containing spare clothes as they do get wet when playing in water!



Boston Nursery School has places available



We are reminding you that every 3-4 year old child is entitled to 15 hours a week at our teacher-led nursery school **completely free**. This can be taken in the morning, in the afternoon or all day, as long as we have enough places available.

As well as the 15 free hours a week for all 3-4 year olds, we offer additional sessions for your 3 or 4 year old child. You may choose mornings, afternoon, or a mix of both, including full days, even 5 full days a week. We will do our best to accommodate your request while ever we have places available.

Additional sessions, above the free entitlement of 15 hours, may be purchased at a cost of £12.50 for 3 hours. This is extremely competitive locally. Eligible working parents may be entitled to **30 free hours** for their child. More information about whether you are entitled to this additional funding can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Lunch club is also available for 3-4 year olds. Children bring their own packed lunch and a fee of £3 to cover supervision costs is required for each lunch club session attended.

We also have a classroom dedicated to 2-3 year olds, at a cost of £14.50 per session. Some 2 year olds may be entitled to 15 free hours (5 sessions). More information can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

If you know anyone who might benefit from our excellent nursery facilities, please recommend us to them- let them know that we are a maintained nursery school and the only local provider with **fully qualified, school teachers**.

We are now booking places for September 2022 admissions. Please contact Mrs. Carr, our administrator, for an application pack.



Where to find us

Please head to our website <https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school> for further information about our nursery and for ideas to support your child's learning and development.



You can also find us on Facebook where we post learning videos and photos, as well as weekly updates on what the children are learning in our nursery.

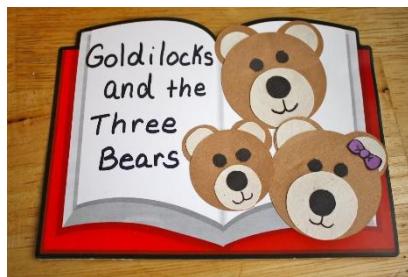


This term's learning

Little Owls (2 year olds) will be finding out all about 'Animals', including farm animals, jungle animals and sea-life. Children will be engaging in lots of sensory experiences and enjoying our well-equipped outdoor play area and garden.



Big Owls (3-4 year olds) will be finding out about Traditional Tales and storytelling.



Our topics always involve cooking and tasting new foods. This term the children will be learning how to cook a range of foods from goat's cheese tarts to bread and porridge!



This term our pre-schoolers who are moving on to primary school will be engaging in transition activities. Please look out for further information as we hear more information from our local schools.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration



We are planning to hold a Royal Teddy Bears' Garden Party for our children, staff and teddies on the day we break up for half term (Friday 27th May). We will all be wearing red, white and blue on that day, and will be making royal crowns to wear too.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – look out for more information to come.

Last term's highlights

Last term we held a blue and yellow day to raise money for Ukraine. A total of £53.34 was collected, thank you to all who contributed to this appeal.

On World Book Day our children dressed as their favourite story book character and lots of stories were read and re-told.



Thank you to all of you who continue to support our special activities.



Keeping Children Safe On Line

More and more pre-schoolers are getting their own tablets or borrowing their parents' devices to play games, use apps, and watch their favourite TV shows. See up-to-date advice on simple things you can do to make sure your child is using the internet safely.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

We also have a lot more information on the parents' page of our website. Please visit
<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school/parents/keeping-children-safe>

National Smile Week

Oral Health is a key part of looking after ourselves and children at Boston Nursery School are taught the importance of making good choices about keeping healthy and adopting a healthy lifestyle. Visit our website for more information about how you can support your child's oral health. We will also be enjoying a week of oral health and healthy eating later in the summer term. Look out for details.

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/boston-nursery-school/parents/support-your-childs-learning/oral-health>



Summer term diary dates



Queen's Jubilee Teddy Bear's Picnic – Friday 27th May

National Smile Week – w/c Monday 6th June

Reports to parents – Monday 18th June

Leavers' celebrations – Friday 15th July

Last day of summer term – Friday 22nd July

Boston Nursery School Academic Term Dates

2021/ 2022

- Term 5 – Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022 (27 days)
- Term 6 – Monday 6th June 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022 (35 days)

2022 / 2023

- Term 1 - Thursday 1st September 2022 – Friday 14th October 2022 (32 days)
- Term 2 - Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022 (35 days)
- Term 3 - Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023 (29 days)
- Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023 (30 days)
- Term 5 - Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023 (29 days) ***May Day Monday 1st May***
- Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023 (35 days)