# <u>April 2023 Newsletter</u>







# Please support this if you can!



We hope you had a lovely time over Easter and managed to enjoy the bits of nice weather we had (and not get too wet in between!). We had some Easter fun in the last week of term, hunting for eggs and exploring our Easter resources. We also had our visit to the firestation, which was a lovely day out! Thank you so much to Becky, Martin and the other firefighters for making our trip so special.

Over the coming term we will continue to learn about the season of spring; planting seeds, talking about the baby animals we see, reading books, and observing changes around us. We have entered Boulby's 'Polypotato' competition, so fingers crossed for some bumper spuds! Thank you to Sophie for organising this.

We will celebrate the occasion of the coronation of King Charles on the Tuesday after the coronation, so that the children potentially have some understanding of what we are celebrating! Please don't worry if your child doesn't attend on Tuesdays – we will ensure that resources and activities are available all week.

We are thrilled to finally have the woodwork bench and equipment that we used a donation from the Ainthorpe Trust to purchase. The second railway arch has been revamped over the break into an exciting creative workshop. Many thanks to the Ainthorpe Trust for their support.

### Children in their Pre-school Year

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April you will receive your offer of a school place. We don't get any notification of this, so do let us know where your child is going to school. Visits will continue to schools this term, and we will liaise with local schools to arrange for teachers to come and visit the children at Esklets so they can observe them learning in their nursery setting.

#### **Opening Hours**

We are now open on Wednesdays. Enough children are booked in to make this viable; however numbers are low, so if you would like to add extra sessions, or swap to a Wednesday from a different day, please let us know.

### <u>New Staff</u>

We are pleased to welcome Rachael and Katy into our staff team, who will both be with us for the summer term to assist with the high numbers of children and the extra day opening.

#### <u>Fees</u>

As you already know, we have made the difficult decision to increase our fees for this financial year. Below are the new rates.

## Hourly rate for all unfunded children / hours in excess of funded entitlement - £6.00

## Contribution towards consumables for funded children – 50p per half-day session

Please note that although the consumables charge is a voluntary contribution. While we cannot insist that you pay it, and would not like to make anyone's financial situation difficult, we do ask that you pay it if you can. The cost of consumables has increased dramatically since our previous amount was set!

Please speak to us confidentially if these increases will be difficult for you.

## <u> Tax-Free Childcare</u>

Do you know about the Government's Tax–Free Childcare Scheme? It is a scheme to help families with childcare costs. If you go onto the childcare choices website, you can find out if you are eligible. A lot of families don't realise they are eligible – for every £8 you pay towards your childcare costs, the government will top it up to £10. You can claim this from when your child is born up to when they are 11.

#### Sunny weather

At last the weather is starting to improve, but do ensure that your child has a warm layer and a waterproof coat every day. We have plenty of sunhats available at Esklets, so don't worry if you forget to bring one. Please apply suncream before you come to Esklets – we will assume children have suncream on when they arrive and will not apply it as a matter of course in the mornings. If your child attends for full days we will apply suncream after lunch, unless you tell us that they are wearing a long lasting cream. We have children's suncream available, but do bring your own in if you prefer children to use a specific brand. Please complete and return the permission slip at the bottom of this page.

#### DIARY DATES:

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Jumble Sale, 10-12, Danby Village Hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – Esklets closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – Esklets closed
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation celebration
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term week – Esklets closed
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

Thank you for your continued support.

Suncream	

\*please fill in the correct statement

\*I give permission for staff to administer hypoallergenic suncream (supplied by Esklets) to

(name	of child)	when necessary.	
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\*I give permission for staff to administer my child's own suncream (supplied from home) to

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Signed (print name) Date	_ Date
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