

We hope you all had a lovely half term, we are looking forward to all we have planned this half term.

Polling Day

The government are holding another general election on **Thursday 12th December 2019**. Unfortunately, this means we will have to close for business on that day. Next year's polling day is on **Thursday 7th May 2020** and we will also be closed then as well.

Dates for Christmas



Reminder that the last day before Christmas for funded children is **Wednesday 18th December 2019**, we close for Christmas on **Friday 20th December 2019**.

We are holding Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 13th December 2019**, If your child usually has packed lunch but you would like them to have Christmas Lunch then please let us know by the **6th December** so we can order the right amount of food.

Christmas Bazaar

We are holding our 2nd Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 23rd November from 10am - 2pm**. This will be based at the Old Harlow WI Hall just down the road from us!

We are looking for donations for raffle prizes, bottle/teddy and sweet tombola etc.

Raffle tickets are now available to buy from the office these are £1 a strip.



Invoices

Thank you to all parents that have been paying their fees on time and regularly every month.

As stated in childcare contracts, payments are expected by the **15th of each month** (unless agreed otherwise with Linda, Zoe or Lynsey).

Late fees are now being implemented as stated in contracts for any payments that are not received on time.

If invoices remain unpaid for more than 28 days, we will be suspending care for your child until the fees are paid up to date.

Drop off/Pick up

Normal Kittens/Lions drop off/pick up is from the back door in our garden area.

However, for Kittens please use the front door until **8.30am** and for Lions please use the front door until **9am**.

We ask that you please only press the bell once, and we will answer it as soon as we can!

We apologise if you are kept waiting outside, we are not ignoring you or being rude, the staff are getting your child and their belongings ready for you before answering the door, we are just making sure we are keeping your children safe.

Slippers/Indoor Shoes

Please can you make sure your child has slippers or indoor shoes to wear while indoors, this is very important to prevent accidents and children slipping. As well as if there is a fire alarm and we need to evacuate there will not be time to put on shoes.

Food chopped

Please could you make sure that if your child has grapes in their lunch boxes that they are cut into **quarters** as they are a choking hazard. A child's throat is only the size of their little finger so only cutting them in half is still a choking hazard.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to all that attended our Halloween Disco on the 25th October, it was a great success raising over £300 towards our minibus fund! We are getting closer to raising enough to start leasing our minibus and are hoping to have it ready for summer 2020.

Any feedback on our events would be appreciated and if you have any idea's for future events please speak to Zoe.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November 2019. This year children are invited to come to nursery dressed in their Pyjama's or spotty clothing for a £1 donation to the charity.



Dates for the diary

- **Friday 15th November 2019: Children in Need** - Come to nursery in spots or pyjamas and donate a £1 to Children in Need.
- **Saturday 23rd November 2019: Christmas Bazaar** - From 10am - 2pm join us for our 2nd Christmas Bazaar
- **Thursday 12th December 2019 - Polling Day** - We will be closed as our building is used as a polling station.
- **Friday 13th December 2019: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch** - We will be serving Christmas dinner at lunch time for all rooms. We will be sending reminders nearer the time if you would like to book a Christmas lunch for your child.
- **Friday 13th December 2019: Christmas Pantomime 7pm at Harlow Playhouse**
- **Wednesday 18th December 2019: Funding children finish**
- **Friday 20th December 2019: Close for Christmas**
- **Monday 6th January 2020: Children return** - All children are back
- **Thursday 7th May 2020: Polling Day** - We will be closed as our building is used as a polling station. The bank holiday has also been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May 2020 so we will be shut on both the Thursday and Friday that week, unfortunately this is out of our control!

REMINDER!

Please can you remember that we are a **NO PEANUTS AND NO NUTS** building! This includes Almonds, Hazelnuts, Walnuts and Coconut, as well as products such as Nutella!
We have both members of staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Don't forget to check out our Website and Facebook page:

www.homefromhomechildcarers.co.uk

www.facebook.com/HfHC.ABC

If you could please give us a review and rating on our Facebook page, your support is much appreciated.