

# Artemis Termly Newsletter September 2024



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## Contact Details

If you cannot contact me at the nurseries it usually means I am in meetings, but you are more than welcome to phone my mobile and leave a message and I shall return your call as soon as I can. Alternatively, you could email me.

If your query relates directly to your child's nursery, then below are the contact numbers you need for each setting. If your child is not coming into nursery, we ask that you phone the nursery to inform them at your earliest convenience.

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## Mobile Phones

May we remind you that the use of cameras, video recording and mobile phones are not permitted in the nursery and we ask that all parents please leave their phones in their bags or pockets and finish your phone calls before entering the building.

This is an OFSTED requirement that we have to adhere to at all times.

## Headlice

Please could we ask that we check your child's hair regularly and thoroughly for us to be successful in stopping the spread of headlice. If you could let us know if your little one has them, then we can ensure parents are aware in that classroom to do additional checks and treatment.

## Clothes & Toilet Training

Please can you make sure that your child's Artemis Bags are fully stocked with tops, trousers, vests, knickers/pants, socks, and a jumper/cardigan so that they have everything they need for their time at nursery. Could we also remind you to put your child's name in the clothes they wear to nursery, spare clothes, coats and hats you provide in their nursery bag and any uniform. This makes it easier for staff to identify their clothes to put in their bags before they go home.

When your child is toilet training at nursery it is important to provide lots of knickers/pants and bottoms so that we can change your child if the need arises.

It is no bother for us at all if your child has an accident whilst at nursery but they can become confused and upset if we have to put them back into a nappy because we don't have enough clothes to change them into.

**Please don't bring bags in from home!**

## Late Collection

Could we please remind you that children need to be collected before **1.00pm** or **6.00pm** to ensure you receive the feedback for your child and because we have children waiting to come in for their session. Please do not arrive before your sessions starts. If you are running late please can you phone the nursery to let them know so we can get your child ready for your arrival. **There is a charge of £5.00 for every late collection passed 1.00pm or 6.00pm. This will go up every 15 minutes.**

## Administering Medicines

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics from the doctors, then they are still able to attend nursery if you think they are well enough. You need to bring the medicine in with the original packaging and the prescribed label on. You will need to complete the medication on Babysdays with all the relevant information on, so the staff can administer this correctly.

If this is the first time your child has been on the specific antibiotic then they need to have been on them 24hrs before returning to nursery, in case of an allergic reaction.

## Diarrhea & Vomiting

Artemis' Policy is that you are to keep your child at home for **48 Hours** after their last episode of either diarrhea or vomiting to prevent it spreading through the nursery.

# FUNDING INFORMATION!

## 15 Hours Funding for 2 year olds

You could be entitled to 2 year funding, 15 hours free a week for 38 weeks of the year. Check the eligibility criteria on the East Sussex County Council Website - 2 year funding. If you are eligible for this then the hours can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half. Two year funding starts the term after their second birthday and they can attend this term time only or pay for the remaining 13 weeks.

## 15 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

All 3 & 4 year funding will remain universal as 15 hours for 38 weeks of the year and can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half. This funding starts the term after their third birthday, and they can attend this term time only or pay for the remaining 13 weeks.

## 15 Hours Funding 2 year olds Working Families

From April 2024, you could be entitled to 2 year funding, 15 hours free a week for 38 weeks of the year. Check the eligibility criteria on the [childcarechoices.co.uk](http://childcarechoices.co.uk) If you are eligible for this then the hours can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half and can be used as part of additional hours. Two year funding for working parents starts the term after their second birthday and is an All Year Round offer.

## 30 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

You could be entitled to 30 hours funding for 38 weeks of the year, leaving 13 weeks unfunded and charged for, and you will need to check the eligibility criteria on the [childcarechoices.co.uk](http://childcarechoices.co.uk) website to find out if you are eligible.

You must remember to reconfirm your details every 3 months otherwise you may lose your funding. This offer is an All Year Round offer, not Term Time Only.

## 30 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds - Stretched Offer

We offer our 30 hours as a stretched offer where your little one could access 25 hours per week for 46 weeks of the year. Depending on the term they start this will depend on the remaining weeks left to either pay for or your little one remains at home.

Please ask your Manager to provide you with the list of dates for September 2024-August 2025.

## Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply online at [gov.uk/taxfreechildcare](http://gov.uk/taxfreechildcare)

On the website you will need to check to see if you meet the eligibility criteria. You can use this alongside your child's 15 & 30 hours funding. You **can't** use Tax-Free Childcare alongside Childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or Tax Credits. You will receive email reminders to reconfirm your details every 3 months.

## Upcoming Half Term & Christmas Closure Dates

2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

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2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Christmas Closure Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only - Christmas Closure - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

25 Hours Stretched, All Year Round - Christmas Closure - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Christmas Closure for Everybody Else - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

## Sessions & Fees

Spaces are becoming very limited at the nurseries, please ensure you are thinking ahead about what you may be entitled to and book the days/sessions you would like within the 9-12 months and looking ahead into September 2025 where funding for working parents will change to 30 hours from the term after they turn 9 Months.

Please also consider if you are wishing to increase as your child becomes entitled to funding or as the year progresses.



### Recycling Week

For the **Week Commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** and the **Week Commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024** we will be celebrating Recycling Week.

This is a good opportunity to introduce children to the concept of recycling and how it helps our planet. We will be sorting out our own recycling at the nursery and arranging a visit from a local recycling pick up truck so the children can see what happens to it.



### Celebrating Diwali

During the week beginning **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, we will be celebrating Diwali, the biggest festival in India. Diwali is known as the 'Festival of Lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'Diyas'.

All week we are asking you to wear **bright** coloured clothes to nursery to celebrate the festival with us. The children will be able to create lanterns, salt dough candle holders, firework pictures, Rangoli patterns and trying different foods they like to eat.

Join with us to celebrate!

### Remember, Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November

We will be creating our own firework paintings using splatter patting techniques. This will happen throughout the **Week Commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. We will create our own bonfires using junk modelling, logs, and tissue paper.

This is also a good opportunity to talk about fire safety at nursery and staying safe at Bonfire Processions.

### Nursery Rhyme Week

#### Week Commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Nursery Rhymes play an important role in Early Childhood Development and Education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools.

- Singing Nursery Rhymes can help children to develop emergent literacy skills.
- They provide a fun way to assist with learning early Maths.
- Nursery Rhymes help children to develop, social, physical and emotional skills.

Throughout the week children will be making their own nursery rhyme props, musical instruments and singing songs using Makaton. We will be sending videos of these out to parents so you can practice at home.

### Remembrance Sunday

We will be talking about the people who helped us and to show thanks to the heroes that contributed to us being safe now. We will be creating our own poppies for the children to take home and there is a small animation on Cbeebies called "Poppies Animation" which explains Remembrance Sunday in a child friendly way.



### Children in Need 2024 BE SPOTACULAR!

& Help us Make Life Lighter for Children!

We would love for you to join us all in celebrating and raising money for Child in Need.

Throughout the **Week Commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, you can wear spots, spots and more spots, bright colours, Pudsey ears and outfits every day!

We will also be having a cake sale at the end of every day and you are more than welcome to donate some cakes for us to sell. There will be sponsorship forms available for you to share with friends and family in the nurseries, so please ask your Nursery Manager for on if you would like to take part.



### Nursery Photos

Katie Workman will be joining us again for our all our children to have their photos taken.

These will be on the following days at each site:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Hastings**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Hollington**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - St Leonards**

If you wish to have these taken, you will need to pre-book these photographs at a cost of £25.00 cash and you will receive 5 photos electronically for you to use as you wish.

Please let your Nursery Manager know so you are booked in.

# EVENTS

## Parents Evening

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

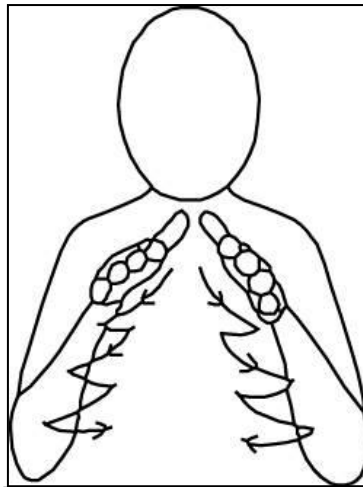
This is a chance for you to meet your child's Key Worker to find out how they are learning and developing at nursery. A time sheet will go up in the nurseries from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. If you are unable to make this day, or prefer a telephone call, then please speak to your Key Worker to arrange this.

## Christmas Jumper Week

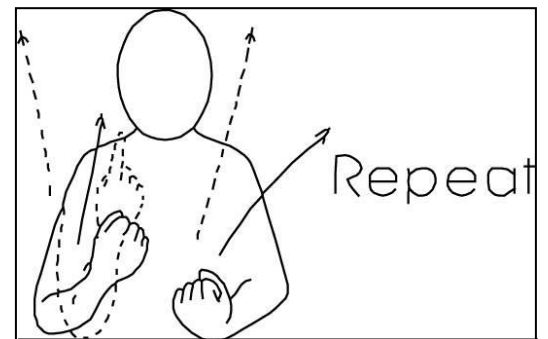
You are all welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers or Christmas Outfits throughout the **Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. It will also be a Christmas Craft Week and children can design and decorate a plain jumper if you wish to send one in with your little ones to decorate.



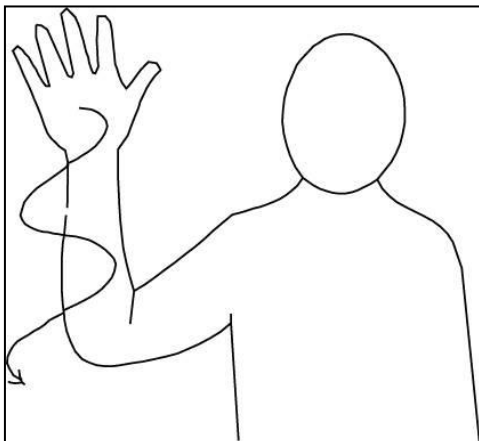
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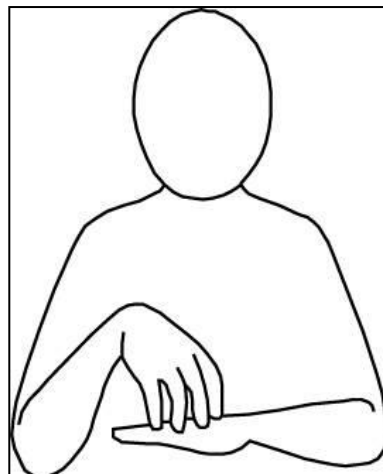
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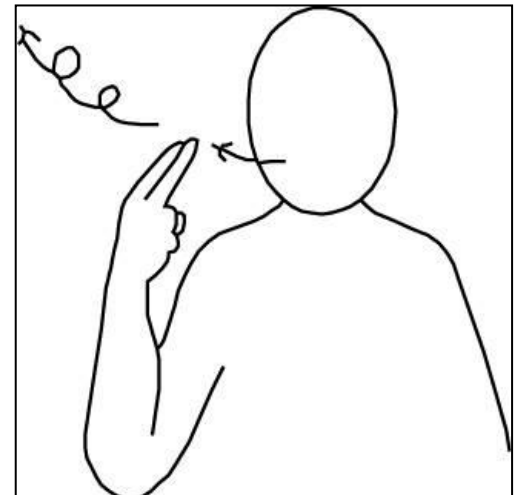
Fireworks



Colour



Cake



Sing

## Our Management Team



**Emma Buggy**  
Nursery Director



**Sophie Homewood**  
St Leonards -  
Manager



**Beth Potter**  
Hollington - Manager



**Kirsty Blanch  
Hastings - Manager**

## Classroom Changes

### Our Baby Room has now become our Explorers Classroom

Babies have somewhat different needs to older children. They learn primarily through sensory input and physical movement. Babies use their entire body to discover and process the world around them.

Our environments support them to develop physical and cognitive skills and learn through becoming fully involved with their surroundings. Babies are natural explorers, and our environment helps to support their curiosity and exploration by offering a range of stimulating experiences.

We will observe each child's development and if they are progressing well then we will look at an earlier transition to the Discoverers Classroom around 18-20 Months. This would be something you can discuss with your child's Key worker if you feel like your child is ready to transition.



### Our Toddler Room has now become our Discoverers Classroom

Our Discoverers generally begin to see the world from a whole new perspective as they master the art of walking and talking. This classroom has been designed to support this transition and provide them with a whole new world of learning opportunities.

They gain a growing perception of other people's feelings, and the environment is rich in resources that encourage children to explore and experiment. It provides an exciting range of learning and development opportunities for all our children. At around 32-33 Months, we would like at your child's development to see if they are ready for their next adventure in the Inventors Classroom, again a discussion with your child's Key Worker would happen prior to the transition.



### Our Pre-School Room has now become our Inventors Classroom

Our Inventors classroom is based on supporting them to learn and develop their social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills through playing, interacting, socializing, learning and exploring. We teach them a strong foundation before they start their transition to school, including concepts of Literacy and Maths and developing gross and fine motor skills, making friends, sharing and taking turns.

Developing independence is a vital factor in a child's development so we support this at nursery by doing self-service at mealtimes, setting up the tables and tidying up.

