

Artemis Termly Newsletter April 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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Parking

Please consider our neighbours and residents when parking at either of the nurseries. Please also be mindful that there are children coming and going from the nurseries so please drive away from the roads and car park slowly and carefully. **At Hollington there is 5mph speed limit so please follow this.**

Nursery Uniform

<https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/nursery-play-group/artemis-nursery/>

We have moved to Super Stitch 86 for our Nursery Uniform. There is a range of clothing for you to choose from but this is optional not compulsory.

Orders can take up to 10 working days, FREE delivery to the store for you to collect or £4.99 delivery charge to your chosen address.



Clothes

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. **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.**

Nursery Fees

Just a reminder that your invoices need to be paid at the beginning of the month to ensure we can fund the care, food, equipment and staffing that we, as a functioning nursery are required to provide throughout the month. If you are struggling to make payments it is always appreciated if you could contact us to discuss a payment plan. From September Invoices will now be issued through babysdays not email, so please ensure that you have all your log in details and know how to access it.

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 - NEW!

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 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 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 2023-August 2024.

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 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 Terms

2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Half Term 1st - 12th April 2024
25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only - Half Term 1st - 12th April 2024.

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2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Funding Finishes Friday 19th July 2024
25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only from September 2023 and January 2024 - Funding Finishes Friday 16th August 2024
25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only from April 2024 - Funding finishes Friday 9th August 2024

Sessions & Fees

As spaces are becoming quite full 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. Please also consider if you are wishing to increase as your child becomes entitled to funding or as the year progresses. Just a reminder that our fees are going up from 1st April 2024, the document was uploaded to Babysdays but in case this was missed they are the following: Early Birds will now be £4.40, Morning Session £43.50, Afternoon Session £40.50 and a Full Day Session £72.50.

EVENTS

Easter at Artemis 2024

For the **Week Commencing Monday 25th March** and the **Week Commencing Monday 1st April 2024** we will be celebrating Easter.

We would love for you to create your own Easter Bonnets to bring into nursery where you can show them to your peers and there will be a little prize for the best bonnet, we can't wait to see your ideas!

We will also be making easter arts and crafts and cooking creations throughout both weeks also.



World Autism Day

We will be celebrating World Autism Day on **Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

Throughout this week we invite all of our children to wear as much colour as possible and support us with raising money for World Autism Acceptance Week and take part in a Spectrum Colour Walk around the local environment. Sponsorship forms will be available from the nurseries.



Elmer Day

Week Commencing Monday 20th May 2024

Throughout this week we will celebrate Elmer Day by inviting you to dress up in bright colours, take part in craft events and of course, read the Elmer books. This week is a celebration of reading and accepting ourselves and others, just like Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.



The Big Toddle 2024

Week Commencing Monday 10th June 2024

We want to go bigger than ever! Help us to celebrate The Big Toddle for a safari-themed stroll, tailored for our littlest explorers. Find out more information at the nursery as the Sponsored Walks will be site specific, raising money for a good cause. There will be Sponsorship forms available in the nurseries for you to share with friends and families. If you are available to support us on the walk then please let your Nursery manager know.



Father's, Uncle's, and Grandads Week

Week Commencing Monday 17th June 2024

We will be celebrating the male role models in your little ones lives this week and would like to invite them out for Breakfast. There will be timetable slots available to put their name down and who they are coming to see, to ensure we cater for everyone. For this week we will be offering an alternative breakfast selection for all to enjoy.

Nursery Graduation Photos

Katie Workman will be joining us again for our School Leavers Photos on the following days at each site:

Monday 24th June 2024 - St Leonard's

Wednesday 26th June 2024 - Hollington

Monday 10th July 2024 - Hastings

If you wish to have these taken, you will need to pre-book these photographs at a cost of £20.00 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.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 18th June 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 3rd June 2024**. If you are unable to make this day, or prefer a telephone call, then please speak to your Key Worker to arrange this.

World Insect Week

Throughout the week we will be looking at different animals from across the world and looking at their habitats.

Jaws & Claws will be visiting all three sites on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** and bringing some of their animals to share with the children. If you would like to bring in some photos of your pets at home, we can share them at circle time.

Pirate Week

Ahoy There Little Pirates!

We will be holding Pirate Week at the nurseries from the **Week Commencing Monday 15th July 2024**.

We will be celebrating Hasting Pirates' Day and having pirate parties, making treasure maps and hunting for treasure with the children. We will be making our telescopes to see if we can spot any pirates out at Sea!



EVENTS

Picnic in the Park

We would like to invite you all to Alexandra Park on
Saturday 10th August 2024

to celebrate our eldest children going off to Primary School in September, where we will be presenting them with a certificate and a story book. This is a picnic for all children of Artemis as it would also be a lovely time for you to meet your child's friends and their families from Artemis, bring a picnic and there will be fun and games.

Location: Between the Café and the Bandstand.



Summer Olympics

From Friday 26th July 2024

For the first week at the Olympics, held in Paris this year, we will be hosting some mini sports days at the nurseries, both inside and outside for all children to take part in, so make sure you're wearing your best sporting gear!

Over the last two weeks of the Olympics, we will be looking at the different sports held at the Olympics, and the athletes taking part.

PARIS 2024



Here are some Makaton Signs to go with the Events that are happening this term so you can practice them at home.

