



Gildersome Newsletter

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Charity Day

Our charity day this month will be held on **Tuesday 23rd May**. We will be dressing in Pyjamas and asking for a £1 donation that will go towards our chosen Charity. We will also be selling buns and treats to take home.

Facebook

To see what your children do daily and for ideas on activities to do at home, please like and share our Facebook page. We have had many posts shared on 'outstanding day nurseries' site and have received great feedback from the activities and opportunities we provide.

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Parental involvement of the month

Thank you to all parents who have added to your child's online learning journey. This month's winners are;

Pink room - Tobias Walker

Red room- Matilda Black

Blue Room- Olivia Pollard

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning and development, We enjoy seeing what exciting activities you get up to at home.

Staffing

We would like to inform you that Emily Hopknison from Pink Room will be leaving at the end of the month. She has decided to move back home closer to her family. We wish Emily the best of luck for the future. We are currently recruiting for a new member of staff to join the team. If you know someone who would like to work in childcare please get in touch

Flower Biscuits

Ingredients

200g Butter (unsalted)

300g Plain white flour

100g Icing sugar

2 Egg yolks

½tsp Vanilla extract

For decorations

250g Royal icing sugar

Food colouring blue, yellow, pink, orange, red

1. Preheat the oven 200 degrees (180 fan oven)
2. Put the butter and flour into a mixing bowl and rub together until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Add icing sugar, egg yolks and vanilla extract and mix to form a soft dough.
4. Wrap mixture in cling film and leave for 30 mins.
5. Roll out the dough and cut into flower shapes.
6. Place onto a greased baking tray and allow to cook 12-15 mins. Allow 2 minutes for the biscuits to firm up before moving to a wire rack.
7. For icing mix icing sugar with a little water and add the food colouring.



30 Hours funded sessions

As you are aware 30 hours funded sessions starts from September. 30 hours are for working families in England with 3 and 4-year-old children. Parents of children who will be 3 on or before the 31st August can apply now. Please use the following website for more information or to apply for your eligibility

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you are eligible for 30 hours you will be given a code to be passed onto us and we are then able to use this for your eligibility. If you have any more questions please do not hesitate to ask Sarah, Kirsty or Charlotte.

As promised, you will shortly be receiving a questionnaire to ascertain the demand for the 30 hours Early Education Entitlement which will start in September this year. As many of our parents work we expect the demand to be high so it is vital that you return it to your child's nursery as soon as possible. To ensure we can cater for as many children as possible we will be offering 2 types of childcare agreement – the fully funded hours agreement which will offer a totally free place to an eligible child, and the agreement for additional services which will give parents much greater flexibility in their childcare needs. Both agreements are explained fully in the letter that will accompany the questionnaire so it is very important that you read it to make an informed decision as to what type of childcare agreement you sign. Jane