

ECCC News – December 2016

Christmas Parties



Tiny Stars

& Tiny Tots – Tuesday December 13th – 3pm-4:30pm

Sunshine

– Wednesday December 14th - 3pm-4:30pm

Rainbow

– Thursday December 15th - 3pm-4:30pm

All children and parents are invited to join us for songs, presents and food.

If you would like to attend your child's party, please add your name to the list outside each room – so we can plan accordingly (and make sure there's enough food!)

Are you eligible for a free £140 credit to your electricity account?

The Warm Home Discount (WHD) is a free credit of £140 to your electricity account offered by most energy suppliers to customers they think are in financial need. Each supplier has different rules for who can apply for the WHD but these often include people claiming means-tested benefits who have children under five. If you think this might be you, phone your supplier or visit their website and ask to apply for the Warm Home Discount. They will ask you some questions to check you are eligible and register your application but this should take less than five minutes. (If you are applying online you will need to know your electricity account number.)

WHD is on a first come, first served basis and will run out, so apply as soon as you can. If you are eligible and apply successfully, you can expect a credit of £140 to arrive in your electricity account (whether you pay bills or top up a prepayment meter) between January and April 2017. Receiving WHD will not affect any other cold weather payments you might be entitled to.

For more information and a list of energy suppliers that offer the scheme, visit <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme/what-youll-get>

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Funding for twos!

Don't forget that BCC will pay for 12 hours of childcare for eligible two year olds. You can check the terms and apply on the council's website:

www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-early-education-for-two-years

Parent Partnership Evenings

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Parent Partnership Evening in November. As well as the normal Parents' Evening appointments, it was great to see so many parents exploring the Centre. We also love to share how we work and discuss the theories behind our methods.

Winter Closing

Last day open:

Tuesday December 20th

First day back:

Wednesday January 4th



Wellies and Coats

We go outside whenever it's possible, so please make sure your child always has a coat and some warm clothes with them. We do have wellies here, but donations are always welcome.

Eat, Sleep, Learn, Play



Save the Children

We've partnered with Barton Hill, Bannerman Rd and Rosemary Children's Centres to help support access to *Save The Children* funding for those in need of household essentials (cooker, fridge, beds, etc.) Please speak to Jenny if you have any questions about applying. Once approved, the required equipment is delivered within two weeks and the funding is guaranteed until end of December. More info:

<http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/about-us/where-we-work/united-kingdom/eat-sleep-learn-play>

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(Another) New Arrival!



Lucy Jefferies gave birth to a baby girl (6lbs 9oz) on November 13th. Mother and baby are both doing well and we look forward to welcoming Lucy back at the end of next year.