

# Artemis Newsletter March - August 2023



## Mother's Day 2023

We would like to invite our Artemis Mums, Aunties and Grandmothers for an Afternoon Tea during the week of Monday 20th March 2023 from 4.00pm.

The Afternoon Tea will be prepared by the children and available each day. Please let your Child's Key Worker know if you would like to attend and if you have any special dietary requirements.



### 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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Our invoices are sent direct to you from our Finance team and they can usually answer any invoice queries but for any other questions or enquiries please use the emails above.

### The Big Toddle June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

All our nurseries will be taking part in the 'Big Toddle' this Summer, where we will all 'Toddle' around our local green areas throughout this week, raising money for a brilliant cause. Sponsorship forms will be provided for you. We would like to ask as many parents as possible to help us during this week.



More information will be provided nearer the time.

### Artemis Bags

All children have an Artemis Bag on their peg which are to stay at the nurseries and **NOT** to be taken home. If your child is leaving for School then please empty the bag and leave it for the next child. Please could you check your child's bag to make sure they have enough spare clothes and to make sure they are regularly checked, stocked and have their names in.

This is to stop bags from home coming into the nurseries.



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Find us on Instagram:  
[@artemisnurserycookwithus](https://www.instagram.com/artemisnurserycookwithus)



Horizon Photography will be coming out to take our School Leavers Photos at each site on the following dates:

**Hollington Nursery**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**St Leonards Nursery**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Hastings Nursery**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

We will have our usual photos for all children in November 2023.

### Father's Day

We would like to invite our Artemis Dad's, Grandads & Uncles to join us during the week of **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from 3.00pm** for fun activities with your child and their friends and then to join us for a Ploughman's Tea.

A time slot sheet will be available for you to book in on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.



### EYEE Funding Term Dates

East Sussex provide Early Years Education Entitlement funding for either 15 or 30 hours for 38 weeks per year.]

#### Summer Term

17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 [15hr/30hr Funding finishes]

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 [25 stretched funding] [[September 2022](#)]

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 [25 Stretched funding] [[January 2023](#)]

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 [25 stretched funding] [[April 2023](#)]

*If you are unsure, please speak to your Nursery Manager.*

**Half Term:** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 [15hr/30hr Funding]

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 are Bank Holidays**

### Other Dates for your Diaries

There are a few dates for your diaries which you will be reminded of throughout the year.

#### [Parent's Evening](#)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

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 classrooms on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. If you are unable to make this day, then please speak to your child's Key Worker who will be happy to arrange a phone call another time.

#### [Picnic in the Park](#)

We would like to invite you to Alexandra Park on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023** from 11.00am - 2.00pm

for a picnic with fun and games in the park. It would be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's friends and their families as well as get to know other parents of Artemis Nursery. We will also be celebrating our older children going off to Primary School and presenting them with a certificate and book and it would be lovely to all be part of this.

#### [Everyone is Welcome](#)

We thought we would meet at the café which would give you the choice of either bringing food with you or getting some from the cafe.

### The Kings Coronation 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Week Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

We are going to celebrate the Kings Coronation

with afternoon teas. We will be making cards for the King and writing him letters with a trip to the post office to post them. We will be designing stamps and money for King Charles to use and looking back through all of our Kings and Queens. If the children would like to come dressed as a king or queen they are very welcome to.

### Arrivals and Departures

We have a strict adult:child ratio that we must adhere to at all times so ask that you **do not** arrive for nursery **before 8.00am** or **1.00pm** unless previously arranged with the Managers. Can I also ask that you arrive promptly at both **1.00pm** and **6.00pm** to collect your child. If you are going to be late for any reason please phone and let us know as soon as possible so we can let your child know and make arrangements for adults to stay with them. **There is a charge of £5.00 for every 15 minutes you are late for collection passed 6.00pm.**

### Healthy Eating Week

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

During this week we will be taking part in 'Healthy Eating Week' to highlight the importance of healthy, active lifestyles.

Each day of the week will have a different theme:

**Monday:** Focus on Fibre - for meals and snacks

**Tuesday:** Get at least 5 A DAY - put plenty on your plate

**Wednesday:** Vary your protein - be more creative

**Thursday:** Stay Hydrated - fill up from the tap

**Friday:** Reduce food waste - know your portions

We will make healthy snacks to try, taster sessions of new foods and looking at foods that are healthy for us, as well as looking at '5 A DAY' and 'Drink Plenty'.



### Toys

Although it has been nice for the children to bring in their toys from home because they want to share with their friends, we must now insist that all toys stay at home.

We have to be extremely careful about the toys that we as a nursery purchase for the children to use; checking that everything is made to a high specification and kite marked. Children are bringing in more and more toys with small pieces and unfortunately some toys are getting broken and as you can imagine this can be very dangerous for our young children.

Putting them in their Artemis' bags leads to interrupted play as they are often distracted by the knowledge they are there and keep leaving the classroom to show their friends, so we ask that if you have to bring them for the journey to nursery that you take them away with you.

Children **are still** able to bring in their comforters, teddies, or blankets for sleep times.

### Payments

Please can you all pay your invoices by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month unless previously agreed with the nursery manager. We are seeing an increase in late payments and even no payments at all. Statements are sent out monthly stating the amount that is outstanding on your account, so please ensure that any outstanding amounts are now paid.

We will be unable to continue to offer your little one a nursery place if you continue to not pay for it. This is the last thing we would want to happen but we too have responsibilities to our teams.

## Tax Free Childcare

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply online on the website detailed above. To qualify, you must be working and each earning [if applying as a couple] at least £120 a week and not more than £100,000 each a year. You'll be able to use Tax-Free Childcare alongside the 15 and 30 hours free childcare schemes in England. You **can't** use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as they receive Childcare Vouchers, Universal Credit or Tax Credits. You will be able to open a new childcare account and for every £8 you pay into their childcare account, the government will pay in an extra £2. You will be able to get up to £2000 government support per child per year towards your childcare costs and you can then use this money to pay your nursery fees.

## Babysdays Support Afternoon

Tuesday 28th March from 3.00pm to 5.00pm

We are holding this for our parents and carers to pop along and ask any questions they may have about the app.

There will be support with, how to navigate your way around the app and where you can find what information.

We are there to help show parents how to upload observations as well as photographs/videos, which can help us to support your child's development. We will be holding this at each of our sites. Please let the nursery manager know if you will be coming.

## Child Safety Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June



During Child Safety Week we will be teaching your children how to stay safe when out in our communities. Looking at crossing roads safely, holding an adults hand, safe people to ask for help if it is needed.

We will be discussing safe risks and reviewing riskier risks that children make whilst at nursery to ensure different choices next time.

We will be sending your child home with lots of information for safety within your homes.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10.00-12.00 and 1.30-3.30

We are holding the final cooking class of the term, on the above date, which our families are welcome to join. This will be held at our Hollington site and there are only a couple of spaces left. If you would like to come along, then please email Beth on [hollington@artemischildcare.co.uk](mailto:hollington@artemischildcare.co.uk) We will be cooking a meal from our current menu alongside a healthy snack. We would love to continue these into the next term.

## Earth Day

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

During the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, we will be visiting our local beaches and open spaces and doing our bit to clean up our environments. We are having a big focus on recycling and the children are starting to sort their plastics from their paper and their cardboards. We will be looking at the effect litter has on our wildlife and our Earth and the importance of taking your rubbish home. During this week, we are encouraging everyone to 'Go Green'. Children can wear as much green as they would like.



## Ahoy There Little Pirates!

Pirate Week at Artemis

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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 coming to shore and visiting the beach to Pirate Spot.

Your children are welcome to come dressed as pirates all week.



We are very lucky at Artemis Nursery to have many families represented and want to celebrate them all.

We want to promote an attitude of acceptance that promotes a positive environment for everyone and where differences are celebrated. We always encourage all our children to treat everyone with respect and to be exactly who they want to be. They are encouraged to achieve their goals, take risks and to develop a can-do attitude and a resilience to life.

During Pride month we will be dedicating time to talk about love and each other's families and what makes all our families special. We will be challenging stereotypes and growing as a Nursery with our children and their beliefs.

## Comic Relief

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We will be taking part in Comic Relief 2023 and raising as much as we can to support amazing projects and organizations who are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

As a whole nursery we would like to take part in a challenge walking 15 miles over the month of **March**. Parents are welcome to support our challenge and come along to join us. Donations can be given by clicking on the link :

[www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-artemis-nursery](http://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-artemis-nursery)