## Family services.....

We have been having fun mixing this month, following on from our pancake activities. We are also looking forward to Spring and spending more time in the outdoors now the weather is warming up.

Rock-a-bye will be starting on 11<sup>th</sup> April. It is a group for parents with babies under 1. We focus on music, movement and bonding with your baby. Sign up at reception if you are interested in joining us.

## Beech room.....

We have been sharing our favourite books with our friends during National Story Telling Week. We have also been making and tasting pancakes and exploring the new garden. We love to ride our bikes down the slope!



## Home learning.....

"A child, more than anyone else, is a spontaneous observer of nature" — Maria Montessori

Explore the outside with your children – a park, the woods, a walk down the high street. Ask them what they can see, smell and hear. We'd love to hear about what you discover together!

## Term 3 February 2018 Beech room's news

Welcome to our termly newsletter. This will be produced every term and will keep you updated on events happening in the centre and activities that have been enjoyed. Any feedback as we develop this newsletter would be much appreciated.

Kay Jones and Kitty Tomlin. Beech Room Team Leaders

## Some quick notes.....

#### Forest school

This term we have been exploring the effect of winter. It has been really cold and frosty, with flurries of snow. We have notice how the sun has been low, making our shadows long and shining in our eyes. We are always looking for parent volunteers to come with us on Forest School trips, if you are interested please speak to Anneke Bull.

#### New Garden

Beech room garden has been going through some big changes over winter. The builders have now finished and our new garden is ready to use, making our outside space even more exciting and inviting than before. Please come and have a look at our new space.

### Tapestry

I hope you have been able to access your child's Tapestry account without any issues, if you would like some help with this please see Kitty. We are keen to share your child's learning and interests, please keep adding pictures and observations of your child' learning from home so their keyworker can incorporate it into Beech room.

#### **Invoices**

We would like to inform you that we are following a payment procedure policy and will be sending a standard letter out if a payment is missed. However, if you have made a payment and receive a letter, please contact the office on 01179030269 and let the senior Administrator Nisha Khanna know when you made the payment. Can you also send confirmation of your payment to <u>schools.remittance@bristol.gov.uk</u> so that the amount can be allocated to your account. Please put your full invoice number as reference.

# Important dates to remember.....

The centre is CLOSED for the Bank holidays

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Good Friday)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Easter Monday)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday)

Monday 28th May (Bank Holiday)

Friday 29th June (Inset Day)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Inset Day)

#### TERM TIME ONLY

Easter holiday is 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Finish on Tuesday 24th July for summer

## Announcements.....

We would like to wish Jenny Knight our Early Education Lead good luck as she is going on maternity leave in February to have a baby.

We would like to welcome Leema to Beech team. Leema has been leading our crèches for a number of years and will be joining us as a keyworker in February. We really look forward to having her as part of the team.

Juanita has returned after a month long trip to Jamaica. We would like to welcome her back and thank Karen for looking after her keygroup while she was away.