

DECEMBER 2023 NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are now nearing Christmas and have enjoyed lots of wonderful days out including our trip to Perrygrove Railway, Christmas Parties and lots of Christmas arts and crafts (photo's to be uploaded to the Facebook group shortly). Our last day is the 22nd of December and will reopen on Monday, 8th January. Wishing you all a VERY Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024! 🎅🎄 We hope you all have a well deserved break and enjoy some precious time with family and friends. 😊

Warm wishes, Lou & Andy

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

You may be aware that the government will be funding more childcare hours than ever before which is fantastic.

Currently:-

- Up to 15 hours for all families in England with a 3-4 year-old.
- Up to 30 hours for eligible working families in England with a 3-4 year-old.
- Up to 15 hours for eligible families receiving additional government support in England with a 2-year-old.

Additional Funding Coming Soon:-

From Apr 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a 2-year-old, Can apply in January 2024.

From Sept 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a child between 9 and 23 months old.

From Sept 2025 - Up to 30 hours for eligible working families in England with a child from 9 months old up to school age.

We are registered for funding. Please click on the below link for more information on funding, what you are entitled too and how to apply:-

Childcare
Choices

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DEC'S TOPICS

Christmas



Invoices: Kindly ensure payment by the 28th to accommodate any bank holidays.

NEW 4 WEEK ROTATING MENU COMING JANUARY

We have been working on a new menu the last 6 weeks and have shared photo's on our facebook group of what the children have been trying.



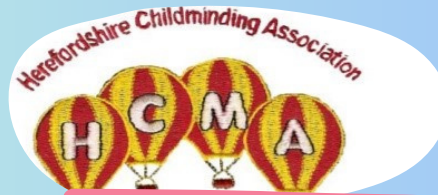
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COMING UP...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This month we have wished Martha a BIG happy 3rd birthday on the 2nd.

We love making the birthday child feel extra special by buying a birthday cake to share with their friends and singing 'happy birthday' to them whilst wearing the birthday crown. We also send a little present/card home with them.



Decembers events:-

Children's Christmas Party at Lad's Club on 7th December

Christmas Party at our Wednesdays Childminder Group in Ross on 20th December.

I also now run a childminder playgroup every other Friday at the Children's Centre.

[Click here to see our Weekly Planner](#)



OUTINGS

Please find the planned activities on the parent's notice board in the playroom window and you can also check out the planned activities by clicking the link above.

We will try to stick to this plan, however, sometimes we are unable to due to things out of our control i.e., weather, change of childcare hours, children being unfit to go out (tired, injury, sickness etc.)



CLOSURES

You can find the list of our closures on the parent's notice board located in the playroom window. We are not open during bank holidays. We are closed for 1 week in Easter, (including bank holidays), 2 weeks in August and 2 weeks over Christmas/ New Year (including bank holidays). Please click the link below to see our 23/24 closure dates.

[Click here to see our closure Dates](#)

THANK YOU FOR READING



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Help for
Households

**HELP IS
AVAILABLE!**

- **Is your money not stretching far enough?**
- **Are you struggling to pay for essentials?**
- **Don't know where to turn?**

You may be eligible for an emergency immediate payment

Expert advice available to better understand your parent entitlements

Please contact your health visitor, local children's centre or your child's nursery, pre-school or childminder for more information on how the Household Support Fund can support you

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