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Term DateMonday 7th January -Thursday 14th February**What are we exploring this term?**

Discussions took place whether we wanted to change our role play area. Your children have shown a great interest with animals/pets. A vote was taken and a vet surgery was decided.

Continuing observing your child's interests to support next steps of learning! 😊

4th - 7th February - Chinese New Year

Learning Journeys

Please return your child's learning journey if you have it at home. This will enable your child's key person to continue recording your child's progress.

We have received some wonderful achievement butterflies. You can hand these directly to your child's key person or leave them in your child's drawer. Please take more butterflies from our parent information rack. 😊

Signing in & Out

Please remember to sign your child in and out every session. If your child stays for lunch, please ensure you mark whether they have a lunch box or having a school meal. If your child goes home at 12:00, we respectfully ask your collection to be prompt due to the remaining children having their lunch served.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Winter fete over at Marks Tey.

It was a superb turn out and a fantastic amount was raised. Thank you very much for your continued support. We are able to use the money on resources and the continual development of Caterpillars Pre-school in Birch and Marks Tey. We have recently purchased some new bike helmets and will be informing you in the future of additional new resources!

Thank you for attending our Christmas stay and create. Your children were very excited that you joined them to play at their pre-school and talked fondly after the event.

Our Reverse Advent was extremely successful. Your children were keen to tell us what they had brought in and enjoyed talking about the different pictures inside. Thank you for your support with this. The Colchester Food Bank were very grateful.

We also would like to thank you for all our cards, gifts and kind words we received.

We wish you aa wonderful 2019!



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Sickness Policy

Parents are asked not to bring in any child that has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack. Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to pre-school. This helps to minimise infection spreading to other children and staff. If your child bumps his/her head within 72 hours before attending pre-school. It is vital to inform staff due to the onset of concussion.

Remember to dress your children for the weather! We are outside all year round! ☺



Snow Days/Poor Weather

Caterpillars aim to remain open when we have snow. We will only close if the snow has proved to be too dangerous for staff to arrive at our setting and /or it is too risky for our families to come to preschool. Birch Primary School may also close the school grounds.

It is essential that we have your **most up to date mobile number**. If Caterpillars closes, we will text all parents. Information will also be on our website.

BBC Essex will also be alerted of our closure. Please ensure you listen to reports

Useful Links

www.caterpillarspreschool.org

School lunch menu is available bellow.

www.birch.essex.sch.uk/

Our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=caterpillars%20preschool%20birch>

www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-and-sounds

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>

Polite Reminder

When collecting your children, please remain behind the door screen until the family in front of you has left the building.

We have limited space and privacy available at our setting. Remaining behind the screen provides a little more of both. Your children are also expected to remain seated until the member of staff at the door has called their name. Please share this with family and friends should they also collect your children. Thank you.