

ELEPHANT & CASTLE CHILD CARE CENTRE



March 2022 Newsletter

NOTABLE EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Pancake Day,
Tuesday 1st.

March 4th World Book Day. Feel free to dress your child in their favourite book character and bring in a book to ●are.

Mothers Day,
Sunday 27th

GENERAL NEWS

*Yay, first month of Spring!
Hopefully the weather turns a little milder
and the days start to become longer.*

Covid-19 restrictions are now advised, not a legal requirement. As soon as i have received clarity from local authority and NDNA i will update policies and procedures. In the meantime, we must all be sensible in keeping ourselves and others safe.

Debs has our Spring/Summer menu constructed and it will run from the middle of the month, weather dependant. The full menu can be found on our website. Natalie will also continue to display the weekly menu on Face Book Monday mornings.

Unfortunately, April brings a National Minimum wage increase of 6.6%. We have no option but to rise fees by 4.5%. The government has made the decision to raise funded places by 10p. The shortfall for government funded places sadly grows even greater.

PLANNING

Children's Interests- Books.
Celebrating World Book Day this month, gives us a continued focus.

The song of the month- 'Tommy Thumb'. The actions of this rhyme sometimes takes away from the singing, as we all find "Ruby Ring" tricky to do.

Book of the Month- The Tiger Who Came to Tea. This is a much loved favourite in the setting. I am sure you can discuss this book with your child at any time, they know it well.

30 Hours Funding

April sees a new funding term. If you wish to claim for this period you must check your eligibility asap.

If you are family continuing to claim, please ensure you renew and revalidate, by the 1st..

Tax Free Childcare

You may be eligible for £2,000 a year for each child to help with child care costs. For more information access the Childcare Choices website.

