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Spring Newsletter

On 6th January 2021 Monika celebrated the first birthday of the opening of Ribble Valley's first ever Forest Pre-school here at Evergreen Forest Nursery. After a full year of being open, through the strangest and hardest of times, she remains determined and her vision, passion and hard work has meant that a year on, she is still living the dream. We thank you being the first Forest family in the Ribble Valley, we thank you for your commitment to the outdoors, to nature and to us. We thank you for being part of our Forest Family and for being our loyal friends. We hope you have enjoyed the adventure so far!



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What we are still extremely proud to offer.

The first Forest Nursery located within the Ribble Valley.

Outstanding natural environment in the heart of an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2 highly motivated, experienced Early Years teachers

1 energetic, passionate Drama and Dance teacher

2 home-made, 2 course healthy, and nutritious meals made from fresh produce

Daily animal experience - feeding alpacas, alpaca walking, collecting eggs and feeding hens

Bee keeping training and maintenance - safety equipment for each child

Baking/Cooking opportunities with fresh ingredients

Fire experience - fire skills, fire safety, open fire cooking, marshmallows

Gardening - fresh fruit and vegetables grown, maintained, eaten and made into jams/smoothies

Woodwork/Art/Craft - materials for creative experiences



Fees

We are extremely lucky to boast a small, family run business but after our New Year finance review we felt the need to alter some pricing to secure the future of Evergreen Forest Nursery.

Over these last 12 months we have been subsidising the many resources, materials, activities, fancy dress costumes, tools and ingredients that we use each and every day. Our aim is for this variety and good practice to continue and our wishes are to continue to provide these unique experiences each day for your children to enjoy. We reviewed the pricing for those families that have the support from Government Funding and this has already directly impacted on what we can offer for your children. Thank you for your understanding after your recent invoice and discussions with Monika.

If you would like to discuss any of this with us, please don't hesitate to approach us in confidence. We wish to be as honest and transparent as possible and we look forward to continuing our journey together in our unique, fun and natural environment at Evergreen Forest Nursery.

We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter. We are fully invested in your child's education, development and future and hope in turn that you will continue to invest in us.

The Evergreen Team is growing ...

We are proud, delighted and excited to announce that we have a new team member, Matt Donnelly. Matt will be working alongside the staff to offer your children a fresh outlook on outdoors, fitness and 'moving and handling'. Matt is an experienced and qualified fitness professional who has 10 years of experience working with adults, families and youngsters in a variety of settings. He has developed and taught a CrossFit Kids program and CrossFit Kids Holiday Clubs. Matt's attitude, skills and energy will enable the children to play in a creative, responsible and energetic style which will be sensitive with and sympathetic to the natural materials of the forest.



Matt's passion for movement and fitness, which he shares with his own young family, has led him to certified coaching in many areas and he is keen to pass this on, giving the children confidence in their own abilities.

Matt offers the children a fun and versatile approach to movement using animal flows, climbing, gymnastics and natural movement in a play-based format. He has already proved to be a hit with the children who have been jumping, climbing, racing, mud surfing, 'hooping' and balancing.

A warm welcome to you Matt!

We welcome **Ada and Oscar** and their families to our Forest Family. We hope you will be very happy with us here at Evergreen. **Welcome to you!**

Some families have been given a difficult choice about deciding which setting their children should attend to reduce 'bubbles' where their child attends 2 different nurseries. This must have been extremely difficult decision but we give so much thanks to those families who have chosen us.

Many thanks to the other families who have increased their total number of days with us during the week – your loyalty means the world to us.

Thanks!

We thank you for your understanding in our recent alteration to home-time and the collection of wet and muddy clothes!



We are currently updating our Website – if there is anyone who is skilled in this department and fancies helping out, please do let Monika know!



During these times of uncertainty (especially with COVID), please, please consider the health of your child when bringing them to Nursery. If your child has had a temperature, has a runny nose or has had an unsettled tummy in the last 24 hours, please consider the health of the other 30 families that **any** illness may affect.



Thank you!

Indoor Shoes

Please consider the type of indoor shoe that you are bringing to the Barn – we suggest easily fastened indoor shoes – or even slippers would be great idea if this is an easy option for parents to consider?

We are struggling to put some shoes on when the children are wearing fluffy socks or are wearing socks with rubber grips on the bottom. We really don't want to strip the children of their fluffy socks or stretch your child's trainers!

Any help with this would be most appreciated.