

Little Dragons

Newsletter February 2021



What have we been doing?

The children have been enjoying lots of activities linked to our winter theme. We have made snowflakes, snowmen and explored the different weathers outside - rain, ice and snow!



We experimented bringing ice inside to see what would happen to it. We have also been learning about birds, looking at different garden birds, exploring bird seed and looking at

birds on our tablet- linked to the Great British Bird Watch.

Other activities the children have enjoyed are cutting and sticking, making and playing with the train track and the road and noisy cars/vehicles. We have also had fun outside chasing bubbles and using the hoops and balls and we found the slides are faster when you wear waterproofs!

In the last couple of weeks of term we will continue to explore winter. We will also talk about Valentine's day, discussing people who are special to us and our feelings.



New equipment

We will be purchasing two mud kitchens and a child size bench for our garden with the money raised over the Christmas period. We are excited to introduce these items to the children and look forward to sharing some

pictures with you.

If anyone has any old pots, pans or utensils such as wooden spoons, whisks etc that you would like to donate to the Pre-school for the children to use in the mud kitchens this would be much appreciated. We would also like some old adult sized shirts or t-shirts as 'aprons' if anyone has any of these spare.

Goodbye Carolyn

We would like to have a tea party for Carolyn before she leaves. We plan to hold this after Pre-school from 3pm-3.45pm on Thursday 11th February so we can invite all the children. If your child does not attend on a Thursday or is not attending Pre-school at the moment they are very welcome to join us. Arrive at 3pm, socially distance on the path. All children to be collected at 3.45pm. Unfortunately we can not invite parents due to Covid.

We will supply a drink and a snack and sing some songs, do some dancing and read some of Carolyn's favourite books :)

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year. It is on Thursday 4th March but we will be taking part in activities throughout the week of Monday 1st- Friday 5th March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

The children are invited to dress up all week as their favourite book character and the staff will join in on Thursday 4th! We will be looking at and reading some of our favourite books and talking about our favourite characters.

Readathon

Alongside World Book Day we will be holding a readathon <https://readforgood.org/> you will be receiving more information shortly and a sponsorship form to help us raise money for Pre-school, whilst having fun reading with your child at home.

Committee - Treasurer Vacancy

As most of you know, sadly Duncan will be leaving his role as treasurer on our committee very shortly, so we currently have a vacancy for this role. Duncan cannot continue to volunteer in this capacity indefinitely, especially as his children have both moved on to primary school. This is a role that should ideally be filled by parents whose children are attending the Pre-school. Our Pre school is registered as a charity and 3 volunteer roles are crucial for the preschool to remain open, so we need to find a replacement for Duncan otherwise we are at risk of closing.

So, if you can offer yourself as a volunteer treasurer we'd love to hear from you. Email our Chair f.tombs@gmail.com or treasurer@littledragons.org for more information on this role.

If we don't hear from any parents in the next month we will have to hold a meeting to highlight the importance of the committee and the Pre-school operation.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Caroline (Isabelle's mum) to the management committee as our secretary.

Safeguarding

We are pleased to announce that Maggie Tanner, an existing committee member, has taken on the role of Safeguarding Lead within the committee. She will support staff members with all aspects of safeguarding within the setting.

Linda is our designated Safeguarding Lead within the Pre-school setting and Helen is our Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

All staff regularly update their safeguarding training and Linda has recently attended a safeguarding course about neglect.

Term dates

The last day of term 3 is Friday 12th February.

Term 4 will begin on Monday 22nd February.