



Little Dragons Pre-School

Newsletter

Term 3 2020

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish Buckley and Evie a
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Welcome

We would like to welcome Evie and Charlotte and their families to Pre-school and hope they have fun with us.

Learning Topics

This term our theme will be winter - we will look at the weather, clothes we wear, food we eat and animals we might see. We will do lots of activities to cover these subjects including art activities, cooking, outside play and exploration etc.

Show and tell

We have a weekly show and tell day - this means that during the term there will be several opportunities for your child to take part - sharing an item of their choice from home. This term we will be concentrating on 'sounds' and will look at a different one each week. Please can you encourage your child to bring an item beginning with the sound to share with us. These items can then stay on our sound table for the week if they wish. **Unless your child is reliant on a comforter we are asking that no other toys/items come into Pre-school from home.**

We also have fantastic sheets that can be written on any day and are a lovely way to share a recent achievement - getting dressed, sleeping in own bed, toilet training, swimming, a trip to the dentist/doctor etc.

Show and tell days:

Monday 13.01.20 - 's' Tuesday 21.01.20- 'a' Wednesday 29.01.20 - 't'
Thursday 06.02.20- 'p' Monday 10.02.20- 'n'

Reading with your child

We change the books accessible to the children in our book box on a regular basis - this is to encourage them to look at books independently and enthusiastically. We choose these books linked to their interests, but we also like to include some linked to the areas of the curriculum, some traditional tales and poems and some linked to our current theme.

We are going to let you know three or four books that the children will have constant access to linked to our theme each term. We will be looking at and reading these books with the children regularly and would like to encourage you to read these books at home. If you don't have them, we would suggest visiting the library.

We would also like to invite you to come in and read with or to the children at any point - this is an open invitation to all parents/carers at any time during every term. The end of each session always works best for us - 11.45am, 12.45pm or 2.45pm. Please see a member of staff if you would like to do this.

A few reminders

All children need daily:

- A pair of wellies and a waterproof coat
- A beaker of water
- Indoor shoes
- A spare full outfit of clothing

If anyone has any spare clothes we could keep at Pre-school we would be grateful for tops, trousers, tights, socks and underwear - thank you.

Thank you

- To any parents that supported or came with us for our Welly Walk - this was a really lovely morning and all involved had a beautiful, sunny walk. We also managed to raise £65 thank you.
- To all parents who attended our Sing-a-Long - this was a lovely event and all the children loved having you join us.
- Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Nativity and party - the children looked lovely and all did so well. Thank you also to all those families who supported the raffle in any way - we raised £171.

Welcome back

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and peaceful new year. Thank you for all our cards, presents and good wishes. Welcome back to Pre-school!

Parents information evening

We are very excited to share details of our parent and carers information evening. This will be held at Pre-school on Monday 13th January at 7:30 pm.

There will be a few small talks led by staff covering the following information:

- Communication between home and school.
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Helping children be independent.

Please do come along and support us - it will be very informal and refreshments will be available. There is a sign-up sheet on the door.

AGM

Dear parent, Little Dragons Pre-school will be holding its Annual General meeting at 1930hrs on Tuesday, 21st January 2020 at the Village Hall. It is one of the most important dates within our Pre-school calendar and the committee would be delighted if you would attend.

Neil (Chair), Duncan (Treasurer) together with Linda and Helen (Managers) will be submitting reports covering the past twelve months and also give a look forward to the coming year. Inevitably, AGMs bring change! For the coming year, Neil will be replaced by Fay as Chair and Claire will be stepping down after two very successful years as Secretary. I would ask if there is anyone interested in filling the position of Secretary that they contact Claire as soon as possible for an informal chat and a look at the role description.

The AGM provides an opportunity for parents to ask questions and make suggestions which can help shape Little Dragons into the future. Please do come along on the evening. Although the thought of an AGM may sound daunting, please be assured (y)our meeting takes place in a friendly and warm atmosphere. Tea and cake is also available! This meeting will last no more than one hour and the committee and staff would love to see as many parents/grandparents as possible on the evening. You will be very welcome.

Neil (Chair)

Bears at Bedtime

We will be holding our popular event Bears at Bedtime on Wednesday 29th January 4.45pm-5.45pm

This event is for everyone and siblings are invited. All children are encouraged to wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy. We start the evening with hot chocolate and biscuits and then all cosy on the carpet with blankets to read books. The children are then ready to go home to bed!

This event is £2 per child.

Parents' Lunch

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join your children for lunch on Monday 10th February 12-1pm - please bring a sandwich and a drink and join us for our sociable lunch hour. The children love to have a member of their family join them and they always speak fondly of these lunchtimes. If your child doesn't usually stay for lunch on a Monday you are still welcome to join us.

Sportathon

The children will take part in a Sportathon on February 4th. This is a fun, physical event for the children that takes part during session time. No parent involvement is required but it is a sponsored event - with all proceeds going to Little Dragons. Children will be bringing more information and sponsor forms home soon.

Applying for a Primary School Place

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020 you need to have applied for your child's place no later than January 15th 2020.

Safeguarding

All staff members at Pre-school take Safeguarding very seriously as we take care of your children. We regularly update our Safeguarding knowledge and on 6th January everyone took part in a 3-hour training session - looking at 'Signs of Abuse' and especially focussing upon 'neglect'. All staff members found this session very helpful. If you would like more information please ask Linda.

Up-coming events

- Monday 13th January - Information evening
- Tuesday 21st January - AGM
- Bears at Bedtime
- Parents lunch
- Last day of term 3 Friday 14th
- First day of term 4 Monday 24th Feb

Please can we remind you the newsletters can always be found on our website. We would encourage you to check the website regularly. We also ask that you read your emails and check your child's drawers and the notice boards - on the front door and in the foyer.

Save the date.....

- 5th March- World book day- all children will be invited to dress as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book throughout the week 2nd-6th March.
- Ready Steady Listen- this will be linked in with World Book Day. This is a sponsored event encouraging reading with children at home - children will bring home more information and sponsor forms - please check children's drawers regularly.
- 2nd April- Last day of term 4
- 2nd April -Easter Party- details to follow
- 3rd April- Teacher Training Day - no children in school
- 20th April- First day of term 5