

Little Dragons

Newsletter April/May 2021



We would like to wish Charlotte N and Rosie a Happy 4th Birthday in April and Hector and Olivia a Happy 4th Birthday in May. We hope you all have a lovely day.



We would like to welcome Cole and Charlie and their families to Pre-school and hope you have lots of fun as you make new friends with us.

What have we been doing?

We had great fun in the lead up to Easter and during our Easter party. We made Easter hats, had an egg hunt and a lovely picnic in the garden. The children have also been loving the mud kitchen, enjoying floor puzzles, role play in the home corner, running and playing with hoops and balls on the grass area and playdough.



We will be continuing to look at springtime over the next few weeks, learning about growing, animals, wildlife and looking at change.

Hello

New staff member

We would like to welcome Cara to our staff team. Cara has joined us from the beginning of this term and the children are already enjoying spending time with her and getting to know her. Cara has 6 years' experience in childcare and is looking forward to getting to know us all.

Easter Raffle



Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle, we raised £122 and we hope those of you who won enjoyed your Easter treats!

A walk to talk and meet new parents

Some of our parents are going to get together on Wednesday 28th April for a walk straight after morning drop off. They will meet at the bus stop just outside and walk a pushchair friendly route down the cycle track for those of you with little ones. We'd love to welcome any new or "old" Little Dragons' parents to join them, just to give you all an opportunity to get to know each other with the usual committee run events not happening! If there are more than the allowed 6 people who want to come, then we can fragment into groups of 6 and under and distance the groups! But please come along, say 'hello', get to know some of the people you spend time queuing with each week, find people to spend time with, have coffee with etc, all the stuff you used to do over tea and cake but haven't been able to do recently!





Our new 'little dragon'

Our Dragon has a new name! The name drawn out of the hat was 'Ozzy' unfortunately we do not know who chose this great name so please do let us know if it was your child and we can let them know!

Thursday 6th May elections

Voting on election days always takes place in the village hall, meaning that Little Dragons' can not take place in the hall that day.

Staff and committee have explored many alternatives but have had to make the difficult decision to close this year on this day - Thursday 6th May due to Covid. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Bag2school



We are pleased to announce that Little Dragons' has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our Pre-school. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). Do get friends and family involved too as the more bags collected = more money raised for Little Dragons'. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2School will be collecting from the Pre-school village hall on Wednesday 26th May. The children will be bringing a letter home with more details soon. So get rummaging and help us have a really good collection! The children are really enjoying looking at bugs etc in the garden so we will be purchasing some exploration toys with this money - Thank you!



English weather!

This term is always a tricky one to plan for clothing wise. We suggest your child always has a raincoat and wellies at Pre-school as we do go out in any weather.

We also suggest your child has layers, even if these are in their bag, as our garden stays in the shade for most of the morning and it can be chilly even when it feels like summer in your garden!

If we do have hot weather please provide your child with a sunhat and put suncream on them before arriving at Pre-school.

We would still like all children to have indoor shoes please.

Could we also ask that children who stay for lunch have an ice pack in their lunchbox please, to help food stay fresh.

Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

As part of Cara's induction process we will be familiarising her with all of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

At Little Dragons it is our priority to keep every one regularly updated, as safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff in the Pre-school.

Thank yous

- We have had lots of enquiries for places at Pre-school over the last few weeks and many of these families are saying our current parents have recommended Little Dragons' as a lovely Pre-school. Thank you so much, recommendations are so helpful for us and we really do appreciate them.
- We would like to thank Claire (a member of our committee) for working temporarily with us last term.

Term dates

- 6th May Pre-school closed
- 28th May end of term
- 7th June start of term