

Little Dragons

Newsletter June 2021



We would like to wish Charlie a very Happy 3rd Birthday. We hope you have a lovely day.

What have we been doing?

We have had fun making the most of the rain by playing with the rain water we collect in our trays. We have been pouring and collecting it in pots, using brushes to paint with it on the black boards and of course mixing it with mud in the mud kitchen!



We have looked at growing and played games sequencing the growth of plants. Some children planted cress seeds and we are all enjoying watching it grow in the classroom.

This term we will be continuing to look at life cycles, we will be planting and growing different seeds/ flowers and talking about summer and the changes it brings- what clothes we wear, foods we eat, activities we do etc.

Please make sure your child has suncream on when they come to pre-school and a sunhat. Every child must have a bottle of fresh drinking water, even if they have juice or squash for lunch too.

Parent meetings with your child's Key Person

We are hoping to hold face-to-face transition to school meetings *for our parents with Pre-school leavers- children going to Primary School in*

September. These will be held on the afternoon of 23rd June between 3.20pm and 5pm. Your child's Key Person will offer you an appointment over the next few days.



These meetings will be held in the Pre-school hall, we will be following the covid social distancing rules and ask that all parents wait on the path as you would when collecting your child. Where possible we would ask that you try and come alone, if you do need to bring your child we will be asking them to stay with you at all times.

We will also be offering meetings *for parents with children returning to us in September*, giving you a chance to catch up on how your child is getting on in Pre-school and to give you a chance to ask any questions etc related to your child's time in Pre-school or development etc.

These meetings will be held via zoom on the afternoon of 30th June. Your child's Key Person will be offering you an appointment in the next few days.



Sports Day!

We are going to hold our annual Sports' Day this year on Tuesday 29th June at 11.15am! All our children are invited to take part.

If your child is not usually in Pre-school on a Tuesday they are welcome to join us on the grass area behind Pre-school at 11.15am. Parents will be welcome to come and spectate

and we will be asking if you can social distance around the 'course'. Please bring a rug/chair and sit in your 'bubbles.'

For our sports' day to work this year we really do need to ask all our families to take a part in helping us to stay safe- thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cake Sale

We are also holding a cake sale for all parents on the grass area straight after Sports Day, once the children have gone inside for lunch. This is a fundraiser for Pre-school so we would appreciate your support in any way you can. Please donate a cake if you can or bring some coins and support us by buying a cake! Or do both! This will be a great way to meet other parents for more than the usual 2 minutes at the door!



Summer trip to Farmer Gow's!

We are super excited to announce that we are able to hold our annual summer trip this year! We have been visiting Farmer Gow's for the past 6 years now and it is always a fantastic day out for everyone who attends. This year our trip will be held on Wednesday 14th July.

Everyone is invited including younger siblings. We all meet at the farm- parents transport themselves and their child to the farm. We take part in many fun activities throughout the day including; feeding baby animals, climbing the straw bales, playing on ride on toys- tractors etc, meeting chicks and lots, lots more. We all take a picnic lunch and sit in the barn together.

The farm is providing a covid secure day for everyone who attends and they are very excited to welcome us back this year.

Pre-school will not open as usual on this day, as all staff attend the farm trip. <https://www.farmergows.co.uk/>

Bag2school



Thank you to everyone who had a sort out and donated items for our latest Bag2school event, we raised over £30 which we will add to our fundraising kitty, we will let you know what we plan to purchase next!

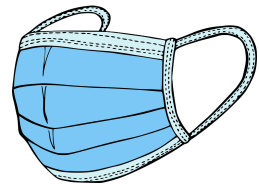
Safeguarding

Helen and Kate will be updating their safeguarding training by attending an online refresher course for Safeguarding in Early Years.

Cara is also updating her First Aid training this month.

Staying safe

Please could we remind all our parents we are still asking you to wear a mask and socially distance when dropping off and collecting your child. This is to keep all our families and staff as safe as possible.



Please could we also remind you drop off can still be between 9am-9.15am but collection times remain the same at 12pm, 1pm or 3pm- thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

It has come to our attention that some children are running around outside the building whilst waiting to come into Pre-school at 9am. Some children are on the wrong side of the railings and some are playing around the bushes. We would like to remind you that although we cannot take responsibility for your child's safety at this time the road is busy and there are rose bushes and nettles on the grass area. We would not want your child to get hurt/injured.

******IMPORTANT******

After many attempts to recruit a new Treasurer for September 2021 we have unfortunately had no volunteers come forward for this role. We have now got to inform you that if this role is not fulfilled ASAP *Little Dragons will be unable to open in September.* If you think you would like to take on this role or would like more details please talk to Fay (our Chair) or a member of staff as soon as you can- Thank you.



Dates to remember

- Wednesday 23rd June Parent meeting for those with children going to Primary school in September
- Tuesday 29th June- Sports Day and cake sale
- Wednesday 30th June- Parents meetings for those with Pre-school children returning in September
- Monday 5th July Teacher Development day- Pre-school closed to all children
- Wednesday 14th July- Summer trip to Farmer Gow's
- Friday 23rd July end of term