



Little Dragons Pre-School Newsletter Term 2 2019

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish Ellie, Flynn and Elowen a belated Happy 4th birthday from October. In November and December we are wishing Seth, Sienna and Oscar a Happy 3rd Birthday and Jack and Jana a Happy 4th Birthday!

Learning Topics

Every half term (or few weeks) we think of a theme we would like to cover, for example 'animals' or 'transport' etc. We base some of our play and activities around this theme and take some lead from the children as to how we will adapt these or expand on them. We also incorporate their current interests and the next steps (linked to the curriculum) they are working towards with us in Pre-school. This term we will be continuing to look at Autumn and then Christmas!

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 'colours' and will look at a different one each week. Please can you encourage your child to bring an item of the weekly colour to share with us. These items can then stay on our colour 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 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 day's:

Thursday 14.11.19- Purple

Friday 22.11.19 - Orange

Monday 25.11.19- Orange

Tuesday 03.12.19 - Pink Wednesday 11.12.19- Anything Christmassy

No show and tell in the last week of term.

Home-School-link

- When out in the garden or on a walk look at the different colours and changes happening, talk about Autumn and Winter. You could collect some leaves and conkers etc to take home.

If your child would like to share any information, pictures or photos you generate from taking part in any of these activities please do encourage them to do so!!

A few reminders

- All children need a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat with them for every session they attend. The weather can change quickly and we will access outside even if it's raining. You can leave these items on their pegs throughout the term if it's easier.
- Please could all children have a pair of indoor shoes, this is particularly important during the winter months as it keeps our floors and rugs clean for the children to play, sit and rest on whilst indoors.
- We are purchasing a new trolley for the children's lunch boxes; please could we use this as a reminder that all children should have a healthy lunch provided for them. We suggest a sandwich with a healthy filling or a cold pasta dish, vegetable sticks or a piece of fruit (or both) and a yogurt. If you want to provide your child with a 'treat' item please can we suggest it is just a few crisps in a tub (not a whole pack) or one small biscuit or cake or similar. The www.change4life website is a great place to look for further ideas.
- Please can every child have a beaker of water for the trolley too. If you want your child to have a juice or squash drink, please can this be as part of their lunch as well as a beaker of water for daily use.

Thank you

- We would like to thank everyone that attended our coffee morning for The Prospect Hospice. We raised £67 which was gratefully received - please see the letter in the foyer.
- We would also like to thank the committee for organising and running another very successful Halloween party. The children always love these events and looked fab in their 'spooky' outfits. This event raised £126.20 which is a fantastic amount for our Pre-school. Thank you to all the families that supported this.
- A big thank you to Rosie for coming into Pre school to do a drama morning with the children. They had great fun making masks and acting out the story of 'Alan's Scary Teeth!'

Children in Need

We like to support this charity and enjoy taking part in different activities each day of this week 11th- 15th November in an attempt to raise money for Children in Need.

We will be doing the following each day and would love all the children to join in if they want too:

Monday 11th November: Crazy hair or hat day

Tuesday 12th November: Wear your pyjamas day

Wednesday 13th November: Spots and stripes day- wear or bring something in.

Thursday 14th November: Rainbow day- wear or bring something in.

Friday 15th November: Dress up however you choose and bring your teddy to Pre-school.

We will also hold a cake sale on Thursday 14th and invite parents/carers for lunch between 12-1pm. If you would like to donate a cake for this event we would really appreciate the support- any proceeds will go to Children in Need. All parents welcome and encouraged to join us for lunch.

Christmas Jumper Week

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers/ outfits or hair accessories throughout the week 9th-13th December - the staff will be joining in and we will be taking part in lots of Christmas activities too.

Sing-a-long

We would like to invite all parents/ carers and grandparents to a Christmas sing- a- long on Wednesday 11th December straight after circle time (drop off at 9am). We will sing to you and will then have coffee/tea and mince pies available afterwards. Please bring your own coffee cup with lid as this will be safer for the children. We promise you will leave feeling well and truly in the Christmas spirit! Just stay on after signing your child in or join us from 9.15am with your child if Wednesday is not their usual day.

Save the date.....

- Christmas nativity and party- Friday 20th December
- Parents information evening- Monday 13th January 2020
- AGM- Tuesday 21st January 2020

Committee information

Management Committee- Vacancies

As you will be aware, Little Dragons Pre-school is a registered charity which is led by a Management Committee. The Committee includes a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, all of which are Trustees, and is made up of parents, family members and representatives of the local community. As a charity, it is a legal requirement that we have a committee made up of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, if these positions are not filled Little Dragons is under threat of closure.

At our next AGM, which is to be held in January 2020, Claire and Neil will be stepping down from their respective roles as Secretary and Chair. This provides an ideal opportunity for an existing committee member, or someone not currently on the committee to take on either the role of Chair or Secretary. Serving on the committee can be extremely rewarding. In addition to giving a valuable insight into the workings of Little Dragons, it also provides a platform to help guide and develop the Pre-school into the future.

Please do consider if you can help Little Dragons by joining as a committee member. If you would like to find out more about the role of Chair or Secretary, please do speak with Claire, Neil or a member of staff.

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding our children very seriously at Pre-school. We have recently updated some of our policies concerning illness and medication (included in our safeguarding policy) - please take a look on our website and ask a member of staff if you have any questions.

Please can we also remind you to always sign the children in and out at the beginning and end of each session and let us know during the day if you wish to change the name of the person due to collect your child. This also ensures that we always know which children are on our premises, enabling us to keep them safe - especially in the event that we need to evacuate the building. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Fundraising

Please do look into this as so many of us shop on line for Christmas.....

Little Dragons is a charity that is registered with Easy Fundraising, which is a charity shopping fundraising site. Easy Fundraising can be downloaded as an app on your phone or your PC, allowing you to donate a percentage of any money you spend with online retailers and make a donation to Little Dragons Pre-school.

Some of the retailers that will make a donation are

Amazon

eBay

Boots

Marks and Spencer's

Argos

Waitrose

In total over 3,200 retailers.

All you need to do is download the app and when you are shopping, launch the retailer through the app and Easy Fundraising will do the rest.

So far nearly £500 has been raised for Little Dragons using Easy Fundraising so every penny really does count.

If you would like any more information or help please contact a member of staff or Claire Cates (member of the committee) who will be able to show you the app and advise.

Up-coming events

- Monday- Friday 11th- 15th November - Children in Need
- Thursday 14th November- Parents lunch and cake sale
- Thursday 28th November- Sponsored Welly Walk- letter to come in child's drawer
- Saturday 7th December- Ogbourne school Christmas fair- see email
- Monday 9th- Friday 13th December - Wear your Christmas jumpers
- Wednesday 11th December- Christmas sing-a-long
- Thursday 12th December- Parent social- more information to follow.....
- Friday 20th December - Christmas nativity and party and last day of term- more information asap
- Monday 6th January- TDDay
- Tuesday 7th January- Term 3 starts
- Monday 13th January- Information evening
- Tuesday 21st January - AGM

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.