



# Little Dragons Pre-School

## Newsletter

March 2020

### Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish Arnold and Juliet a happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and Zayden, Primrose and Emely a happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Olivia and her family to Pre-School and hope she has fun with us.

We would also like to welcome Mya, who is a student on placement from Swindon New College; we hope you enjoy your time with us.

### Learning Topics

Last term as part of our winter theme we enjoyed exploring ice, making snow dough and making bird feeders. We celebrated Chinese New Year and enjoyed tasting noodles and rice.

This term our theme will be spring, which will include looking at colours, growing and Easter. 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 'colours' and will look at a different one each week. 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 days:

Monday 09.03.20 - 'yellow'

Tuesday 17.03.20- 'pink'

Thursday 25.03.20 - 'white'

Wednesday 02.04.20- 'green'

## 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.

This term we will be looking at and reading the listed books with the children regularly and would like to encourage you to also read these books at home. If you don't have them, they may be available from the library.

'Jaspers Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth      'Peppa Pig' - Nature Trail

'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle      'The Gingerbread Man'

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 point of 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.

## Safeguarding

All staff members at Pre-school take Safeguarding very seriously as we take care of your children. Pre-school management will be completing a Safeguarding Audit issued from the local authority in the next few weeks.

## Thank you

- To everyone that came to 'bears at bedtime', all the children had a lovely time listening to lots of stories and enjoying hot chocolate and a bear biscuit.
- To Nicky Place for running our Sportathon, all the children had fun moving in different ways pretending to be animals. Thank you also to all those families who supported this sponsored event - we raised £50.
- To all parents who attended our information evening, we have received very positive feedback from those who came.

The staff and committee would like to, as always, say a big thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting our events and fundraising efforts. Your support means a lot to us, and please feel free to talk to a committee member if you would like to be part of our team.

[Click here to view our recent events and fundraising](#)

[Click here to learn more about our committee](#)

## World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day - all children will be invited to dress as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to share with us throughout the week 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March.

Please check your child's drawer for a Book Day token.

Monday, 16 March

### Helping your Child to Read, with Maggie Tanner

With over 20 years' experience in Private Practice, Maggie Tanner (BA PGCE PGDip.Counselling & Psychotherapy) joins us to talk about how she has turned around the lives of many children of all ages, simply by teaching them to read effectively. Find out what you can do to help your own child to read.

Ticket is £7.50 per adult and includes refreshments

**You can now book your tickets to all Little Dragon Events online**

[Click here to view and buy tickets to our upcoming events](#)

### Parent's lunch

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join your children for lunch on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 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 Friday, you are still welcome to join us.

Thursday, 02 Apr

### Little Dragons' Easter Party

Join us for our annual Easter Eggs-travaganza! Open to all children of Little Dragons and their siblings. Fun games, Easter crafts and a hot dog supper.

Ticket prices - £5 per child and £3 per sibling

[Click here to buy your tickets for our Easter Party](#)

### Up-coming events

- 5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day
- Ready Steady Listen- more information to follow
- 16<sup>th</sup> March- Maggie's talk
- 27<sup>th</sup> March- Parents lunch
- Last day of term 4 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Party
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April - TD day (no Pre-school)
- First day of term 5 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

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.....

- Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday (no Pre-school)
- End of term 5 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- First day of term 6 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### Quote of the month

Child - "My hair's very soft, Mummy washes it in Champagne."

Adult - "Do you mean shampoo?"

Child - "Yes, Champagne."



