



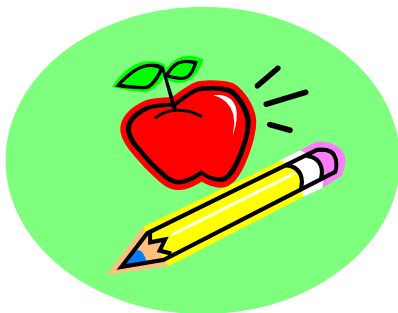
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Little Owls Summer Term Newsletter

Nursery news

This term our focus is to encourage children to develop skills of independence, and prepare the older ones for school by teaching them how to take care of their belongings, to put on their own coats and deal with zips and buttons and also to separate from parents confidently. Please support this at home also.

The children are really enjoying their outdoor play and this is helping to develop their social skills as well as their physical strengths. Please bring suitable clothing for outdoor play as children will not be allowed outside without a coat if it is cold or without sunscreen along with a sun hats for sunny days.



We have been developing our "together time activities" in which the children come together for small group activities straight after registration this is proving to be very successful as it allows the children to interact with both their peers and practitioners in a quiet environment for a time as long as they choose. Practitioners observe and have been able to differentiate the activities to meet all children's individual needs and add to the curriculum planning.

Treasure hunt

A very big thank you for helping to raise money in our recent treasure hunt you managed to raise just under £1000 how wonderful is that! We have asked the children what they would like and we have had a variety of answers! We aim to replace the sand & water play troughs and invest in a robust folding den for the children to play in & have a wide range of learning opportunities.

Questionnaire feedback

Thank you for completing the questionnaires we received 48% back from the ones we sent out to parents. We were delighted with the outcomes of overall good and high % of outstanding grades from parents. One area that needed to be addressed were snack choices as some parents did not know what choices were on offer this is now available to see on the snack board at every session. Parents were happy about how they are kept informed about their child's progress and are confident in the knowledge their child feels safe and cared for when coming to Little Owls.

Leaving for School?

If your child is leaving Little Owls in July to go to School in September please put their name and the school they will be attending on the list next to the signing in books. We liaise with most schools as it is important for the children to have a smooth transition into their next stage of learning. Some Schools have already contacted us to arrange a date to come into our sessions to meet the children and join in with activities this is an ideal time to exchange information about the children's progress and their individual needs in a familiar environment to the children.

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Fee payments

Please ensure fees are paid on time each term. At the end of each term we seem to have to chase several parents for outstanding fees, this is both time consuming and stressful. We are a small company who have bills and deadlines to meet and the tax man waits for no one!

Can we remind parents on entry into Nursery you sign a fees contract which is a legal document and we will follow up debt through legal resources, as well as terminating your child's place at Little Owls

Reminders for packed lunches

- Put child's name on lunch boxes
- Cut up grapes, carrots etc
- No sweets allowed. Please include an ice pack in warm weather



Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following at each session:

1. named bag with:
2. change of clothes
3. spare nappies if not toilet trained
4. wipes
5. nappy bags
6. suitable outdoor clothing
7. suitable footwear

Term Dates

Close

Friday 24th May 2013

Open

Monday 3rd June 2013

Close

Friday 19th July 2013

Open

Monday 9th September 2013

Close

Friday 18th October 2013

Open

Monday 28th October 2013

Upcoming Events

Graduation Photographs (for leavers)

Tuesday 11th June 9-10 a.m.

Drop in & Play Session

Monday 24th June 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th June 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Fun activity day

Monday 15th July 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Staff news

Holly has now left Little Owls to go to new pastures we wish her well in her future.

Erica will be leaving us on the 10th May as she goes on maternity leave to have her baby girl in July, we wish her well and will miss her come back soon!

Sonia Dobson who has been on student placement at Little Owls for several months will be covering Erica's maternity leave so we welcome Sonia into the Little Owls family

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