



Little Pips Nursery Cheltenham

Spring 1 Newsletter 2017

SAVE THE DATE!

There are two important dates coming up in November:

Parents Evening:

We are holding a parents' evening on Thursday 23rd of February from 6-8pm. Please see overleaf for further details.

Term dates:

Term 2 finishes on Friday 10th of February.

Term 3 starts again on Monday 20th February.

A very warm welcome after a rather chilly festive season. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The children have been telling us all about their wonderful presents and the time they have enjoyed with family and friends.



We would like to say a very big thank you for all of your support in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The children were amazing in their plays and we had so many wonderful comments from you all. Our special visit from Father Christmas was also a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who came along! Thank you also for the lovely cards and yummy presents that we received from you. We were overwhelmed with your kindness and are now trying to work off all of the extra calories!

We have some exciting activities coming up in the next few months including food tasting, dragon making and lots of dancing to help celebrate the Chinese New Year! Please remember to visit our website for the most up to date news and events as well as our calendar.



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School Applications

For parents whose children are starting school in September 2017 (children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013), applications need to be made by 15th January 2017.



Parents' Evening:

We are holding a parents evening on Thursday 23rd February from 6-8pm. We will be offering 10 minute appointments for you to meet your child's key worker and share your in child's wonderful development! It is also a lovely opportunity to meet the ladies in a relaxed environment. We look forward to seeing you there. The ladies will point out the sign-up sheet nearer to the time.

Winter Clothes



The cold weather is definitely here and it is lovely to see our children coming to nursery in their snuggly coats, hats and gloves. Please could we ask that the spare clothes provided are also warm to ensure our children are as comfortable as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Fees

Thank you again to everyone who has set up a direct debit for the payment of fees. Please note that fees must be paid at the beginning of each month to avoid a late payment fee of £25. If you have any questions about payments please contact Hana our new finance administrator at: finance@littlepipsnursery.co.uk. Natalie is always happy to help if you have any questions about sessions.

Session times

We would like to thank all of our parents who drop off and pick up at the right times. Please could we respectfully remind some parents that children must not be dropped off at nursery before their session begins e.g. 12:50 instead of 1:00, or picked up after their session finishes e.g. 1:05 instead of 1:00. This is particularly important as our numbers are increasing very quickly. The safety and welfare of our children is always our highest priority and early drop offs and late pickups can compromise staff: child ratios. We do understand that occasionally things happen beyond our control which results in children being picked up late. In these instances we always have a member of management who can step in to ensure the correct ratios are maintained and that our children's welfare remains a high priority. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Staff



We said a sad farewell to Kasey Hill at the end of December. Kasey completed her apprenticeship with us and successfully qualified as a level 3 nursery assistant. She has secured a position at a term time only setting to fit in around her family commitments. We would like to wish her the very best of luck for the future!

We would like to welcome Grace Robinson who is our new cook. Grace has years of experience in the catering industry and has been a great hit with our children who are thoroughly enjoying her culinary delights. We are looking forward to Grace running some cookery sessions with our children in the spring.

We are currently recruiting for a new level 3 nursery assistant / Early Years Educator to join our team as the nursery continues to grow rapidly in numbers. This is a wonderful development and we are looking forward to our exciting future.

Learning Journals



Our children are continuing to make fantastic progress across all areas of the Early Years Curriculum as well as having lots of fun! We hope that you have all been able to access your child's learning journal (Learning Book). Please let Natalie, Sophie or Nia know if you are having any problems at all. Please feel free to upload photos from home or add any comments. It is lovely to see our little pips doing so well!

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you at our parents evening.

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