



Little Pips Nursery Cheltenham

Summer 2 Newsletter 2017



Despite the recent deluge, summer is finally here! Our children have been spending lots of time in the garden exploring our different learning areas. Our bug hotel is starting to attract some interesting residents and the children have enjoyed using the magnifying glasses to investigate! Our growing area has flourished with the recent rain and we have some juicy strawberries appearing already. We are looking forward to tomatoes, potatoes and peas as well. We have a few events coming up so please read on for more information. Please also see our website for up to date news and information.

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SAVE THE DATE!



Term 6 finishes on
Tuesday 25th of July.

Term 1 starts on Friday
1st September.

The nursery is closed
on bank holiday
Monday 28th of August.

Parents' evening is
from 6-7:30pm on 21st
June.

The Next Steps evening
is on Thursday 6th of
July from 7-8pm.

Preschool graduation is
on Wednesday 19th July
2-3pm.

Parents' Evening 21st of June 6-7:30pm:

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our children's amazing development. Please see the sign up sheets on the doors for available times. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please let us know if you are unable to attend the parents' evening and we will look at an alternative day and time.

Beautiful Butterflies

Following on from the amazing experience our children had with our ducklings and our tadpoles, we now have caterpillars in the nursery. The children will be able to watch their incredible transformation from wriggly caterpillars, into cocoons and then finally into beautiful painted lady butterflies and will then help to release them into the garden. What a fantastic experience! Please do pop in and have a look.



Next Steps



Our next steps evening will take place on Thursday 6th of July from 7-8pm. This evening is aimed at parents whose children are going to school in September 2017 but all parents are very welcome to attend. The aim of the evening is to explain the important steps that our children will take on their journey into school. The evening will be run by Claire, a qualified primary school teacher with over 25 years of experience in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 so there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions too. It should be a fun and informative evening and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Graduation:



Our graduation is fast approaching and the children have been learning their songs ready for our performance at 2:00pm on Wednesday 19th of July. Invitations will be sent out next week with further details for children who are not usually in on a Wednesday. It will be a wonderful celebration with a mixture of some sadness, great pride and excitement as we send our little pips off onto the next part of their journey. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Visits:



Lots of schools will be offering taster days over the next few weeks for our graduates. Please let the nursery know if your child is attending one of these days. It is lovely for us to talk to them about their new schools.

Sessions for September 2017:

A very big thank you to our preschool parents who have now returned their sessions forms ready for September 2017. Applying for the extended funding (1140 hours) has proven to be very tricky for many parents as the website has struggled to cope with the applications. If you have handed in your form without the 11 digit code (for those parents who are eligible for the 1140 hours), please let Natalie have the code as soon as possible. We are currently working on the invoices and should have those with you by the beginning of July.

Sessions and fees sheets for September 2017 will be going out to parents in our baby and toddler room next week. Please see Natalie, Claire or Linda if you have any questions.

Story sacks:



Please ask a member of staff if you would like to borrow one of our wonderful story sacks. The children absolutely love them as they contain a story book as well as props and games. We have a good selection of titles to choose from.

Photographs:

Please make sure any orders for the photographs are in by Friday 16th of June at the latest. Thank you.

Poetry Book:



Thank you to our preschool parents for giving permission for your children's poems to be published. Books can be ordered through the website www.youngwriters.co.uk. We are very proud of our clever pips!


Learning Journey Books:

For parents whose children are moving on to school this year, Learning Books have informed us that they are offering a hard back version of each child's learning book or a memory stick which will have all of the observations, photos and videos on it. We also have the option to save your child's learning book as a PDF file and email it to you. The costs involved with these options are shown below although Learning Books are not certain yet of the exact cost of the memory stick. We will let you know for certain once they tell us and we will then ask you to let us know which version you would like. We will also be sending home your child's Sharing Book

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at the beginning of July which contains their wonderful artwork. It is such a special thing to keep and look through as they grow older. Please speak to Natalie if you have any questions.

Hard Back book	£25 (45 pages per book. Additional pages will incur the cost of another book)
Memory Stick	£15 (price to be confirmed)
PDF document	Free (emailed by nursery to your email address)



Barnardo's Toddle Waddle



Our wonderful little pips will be walking for charity during the week of 19th-23rd of June. This will make up part of their daily walks in our baby and toddler room and our preschool will be going for extra fresh air. It should be a fun week and we would like to say thank you in advance for any spare pennies that you might be able to donate to this worthwhile charity. Thank you for your support.

Baby Babble and Toddler Talk

Well done!

Our youngest pips have been taking part in Baby Babble and Toddler talk sessions at nursery. These are fantastically fun activities which help to promote and develop speaking and listening skills in our youngest children. They have been very enthusiastic and we have already noticed some incredible developments in our children's speech. These schemes follow on to 'Children Chatter' which is a program used with preschool children. This has again been very successful in helping our older children to move forward in their speaking and listening. Along with our daily phonics learning, BLAST (Boosting Language Auditory Skills and Talking) and graduate sessions, our nursery is thrilled with the amazing progress of our children and we have had some very positive feedback and lovely comments from other professionals including the SALT (speech and language team). Well done everyone!

Questionnaires and surveys



On Friday 9th June we sent an email from Gloucestershire County Council asking you to complete a short survey for them with regard to the additional funding (1140 hours). Your opinion is very important to us and at the end of June we will also be conducting our annual survey. This is an important part of our self evaluation and we would like to say thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your feedback. Please remember that you are very welcome to speak with us at any time.

Please do contact us if you have any questions. Please also check the website for up to date news and the calendar.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.



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