



# Little Pips Nursery Cheltenham Mini Newsletter

April / May 2017

There are a few reminders and bits of information that we would like to share with you in this mini newsletter. Please remember to check our website as well for up to date information and event dates.

## Eggsciting news!



Our duck eggs have landed and are snugly nestled in a little incubator in our preschool room. We have to patiently wait for 4 weeks before they hatch so the children have plenty of time to enjoy lots of egg activities and eventually duckling activities too. We are very much looking forward to involving our children in hand rearing these ducklings, helping them to feed, drink, keep warm and even swim! We will keep you up to date with any news.



## Tadpoles:

We are also thrilled to announce that our frog spawn has produced lots of tadpoles which are developing very well. The children have been fascinated by the changes and have enjoyed trying to count them! We hope to have some little frogs in the next few weeks.

## New School:

School places for September 2017 will be announced in April, so please let the ladies know where your child will be going. It is a very exciting time for our older Little Pips.

## We our mummies

It was lovely to be able to celebrate our amazing mums with a homemade cake last Thursday and great to see so many of you. We hope you all had a fantastic day on Sunday and were no doubt back into the swing of things again very rapidly the following day!

## '30 hours' entitlement

Most of you will be aware that the government has decided to offer working parents extra hours of funding to help towards their childcare costs. While it is being billed as 30 hours a week, this is only if it is used over term time only. Most settings refer to the hours as 1140 hours per year (just under 22 hours per week all year). While we are expecting to be able to offer the extra funding where places are available, the information from the Government to providers has been a little slow. We hope to be able to confirm details of the sessions we will be offering for this funding by June 2017 at the latest.

The Government has also launched a Tax Free Childcare scheme which is aimed at helping working parents. More information can be found out at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).



## Story Sacks

Please do feel free to take home one of our fantastic story sacks. They have been a big success and enjoyed by lots of families so far. Please speak to the ladies for more details.

Finally....Please remember to bring in your nappies, wipes and creams for the week beginning 24th of April ready for Tuesday 2nd May onwards. Please also note that we will be asking for sun cream shortly.

**We hope you have a wonderful Easter Break and look forward to hearing about all the fun!**

**Happy Easter!**



## Important Dates

End of term 4

Friday 7th April

Start of Term 5

Monday 24th April

End of Term 5

Friday 26th May

Start of Term 6

Monday 5th June

**The nursery is closed for the bank holidays on the following dates:**

**14th and 17th of April**

**1st and 29th of May**

**Parents' Evening:**

**Wednesday 21st June**

