



# Little Pips Chippenham April 2016



## We are now officially Little Pips Nursery!

It was so lovely to see so many of you for our launch party on Saturday and we are very proud to announce that **we are now officially Little Pips Nursery!** The new signs are up, our ladies are proudly sporting their new uniforms and the children are proud members of our newly named rooms: Baby bunnies, Happy hedgehogs and Wise Owls. Our

### Smile!

Our photographer Chris Chard is coming in to photograph our gorgeous children during the week beginning the 9th May 2016. As always Chris is very happy to take family or sibling photos. If you would like him



### Graduates

If you are the parent of one of our graduate children, you will soon receive information about your child's school place. This is a very exciting time for our older children, but can also be a slightly anxious time, particularly for our parents! To help to address some of your concerns and hopefully answer some of your questions, we will be hosting our Phonics evening but this year under the new title of 'The Next Step' (more information over the page).

As always, we will continue helping our children to prepare for school with our daily 'Graduate Sessions' which they are continuing to thoroughly enjoy. We have all been amazed by their progress! Our sound of the week is ever popular with the children bringing in a fantastic range of items for the box (Thank you to all of you for your support with this!). Please let Jenni know which school your child will be attending and we will add them to our special display!



### Important Dates:

09.05.16

Photographer in nursery all week during the mornings.

13.06.16 6:30-8:00pm

Advanced notice of parent's evening.

### Our Chicks are here!



Our annual visit from the chicks has come around again and we have been joined by a gorgeous gaggle of fluffy chicks.

Most of them have hatched and the children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the eggs move, crack and then open to reveal the tiny chicks inside. It has been fascinating to watch and we have had some wonderful observations from the children!

"it's all sticky", "Its got black eyes", "now it's going all fluffy....I think because this glass feels warm" and many more!

Please come in and see our visitors. The children are doing an amazing job of helping to feed and water them.



### Tadpoles to Frogs



Our one surviving tadpole is still going strong. In fact he is growing very quickly! The children have done a brilliant job of looking after it, helping to feed it and changing the environment as it grows e.g. adding a rock for it to climb on. They have been able to see the tadpole slowly turn into a frog, growing limbs



### A HUGE well done!

A few months ago, the children in our Wise Owl room (preschool) entered a poetry competition. With the support of the ladies, they wrote some beautiful poems. These were then sent off. Last week we received a wonderful letter telling us that these poems have been selected for publication in a book!

### Easter competitor



A very big well done to everyone who entered our Easter competitions. Congratulations go to Dougie Ryan and Tyreese Sommerville for being our overall winners but thank you again to everyone who supported their children's art.



## Construction Site

Our ladies have been working very hard in the garden creating a new area for 'Construction'. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to use diggers, spades and other building tools and adds another dimension to our evolving outdoor learning environment. The idea was developed through a discussion at a staff meeting and ideas from the children. Thank you to Ashleigh and Sarah for all of their hard work in putting it together!

## Comic Relief **RELIEF**

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to our comic relief day. Our ladies baked an amazing array of cakes and we raised over £165! Thank you again for your support.

## Sound of the Week

Thank you for your ongoing support with the sound box in the preschool room. This week's sound is 's' so get those sausages (plastic!), snakes, snails, stars, suns and seahorses at the ready!

## The Next Step

The evening will cover information about 'Phonics', explaining what it is and how we introduce phonics to our children. It will also explain how you can best prepare your child for Big School, what they need to know and helpful information that we hope will make the transition as smooth as possible. More details to follow shortly.

## Staff

This month we said goodbye to Justine who has completed her level 3 apprenticeship and has managed to secure a nursery assistant role locally. We wish her the best of luck for the future. We are very excited to welcome Louise Johnson who started with us on Monday 18th April. Louise is a mum of one older child and is now ready to further develop her career in childcare. She has already made a fantastic start!

## Thank you!

We would like to say a very big thank you to some local companies who have supported us recently by donating some fabulous resources. Thank you very much to:

Travis Perkins	some wonderful bricks for our bug hotel.
Qwik Fit	some tyres for our construction area
Fairfield Nurseries	gravel for our construction area
Poundland	shopping baskets
Tesco	crates for our Wow box

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*Thank you as always for all of  
your support.*

