



A BIG THANK YOU!

September Newsletter 2016

Cheltenham

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parents and children for your very kind cards and gifts. The ladies have all vowed to start diets now but there is little sign of that yet!

The graduation ceremony was a huge success and we were all very proud to present our graduate children with their graduate hats and certificates. Please remember to send in photos of your children in their big school uniform.

A big welcome to our new Little Pips and term time only children! We have had a fantastic summer and have spent lots of time in our wonderful garden playing with the sand, water and mud as well as enjoying our adventure area and celebrating the Olympics. We have also enjoyed trying the vegetables that we have grown! We have lots of fun and adventures planned for the next few weeks and are looking forward to helping our little pips settle into their new rooms and routines.



Harvest Festival Celebration

Week beginning the 26th of September 2016

More details overleaf.

Book Bags!

Our ladies have worked extremely hard over the last few months putting together some book bags for you to take home and share with your children. These bags include a story book and lots of fun resources. Our stories range from Room on the Broom, The Hungry Caterpillar, Monkey Puzzle, Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs and The Rainbow Fish. Please ask the ladies for more details.



Please join us on Friday 30th September from 8:00-9:30 for a yummy cake and a cup of tea or coffee. All donations will go to MacMillan, a very worthy cause. We hope you can come along!

Phonics evening Thursday 10th November 2016 7-8pm

All parents welcome – further details to follow soon.



Graduate Sessions and Sound of the Week

Our older graduate children will begin their **graduate sessions** at the beginning of term 2. More details in the next newsletter.

'**Sound of the Week**' will start in the preschool will also start at the beginning of term 2. The preschool children are encouraged to bring in an object from home beginning with our sound of the week. Our first sound will be 'a' as in apple, not angel. In the early years the focus is on the sound rather than the letter. Thank you in advance for your support with this!



We would like to say a **big thank you to everyone who has filled out one of our review cards for 'Day Nurseries'**. We have been able to publish these on the site which is wonderful. If you have not yet filled one out and would like to do so please ask Natalie, Sophie or Nia who will be happy to help. Please also remember that we have an 'open door' policy and are very happy to listen to any comments, questions or suggestions. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.



As part of our Autumn learning we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival during the week beginning 26th-30th September 2016**. The children will be learning about different foods and where they come from as well as making bread and joining in with celebrations at the local school and church. We will also be collecting tins and packets of food (e.g. pasta) for Cheltenham Open Door. This is a very worthy charity which as the website explains, 'supports vulnerable, disadvantaged and lonely people. We are working to relieve poverty, hardship and social or emotional distress.' Thank you in advance for your support. The ladies will give reminders nearer the time.

Payment of fees

We would like to thank our parents who have set up direct debits for the first of each month for the payment of their fees. Please note that **we are no longer able to accept cash payment for fees. All fees must be paid monthly by Internet banking on the first day of each month.** Thank you.



Staff: At the end of the summer holidays we said farewell to Kirsty Breese who has decided to move onto to new ventures. We wish her the best of luck for the future. With any change comes new opportunities and we are very excited to announce that Sophie has stepped into the role as our new Preschool room leader. This is a positive move for the nursery as Sophie is in the final year of her Early Years degree enabling her to implement the latest ideas and practice. We are also very pleased to say that Nia has been promoted to the role of Baby and Toddler room leader, a role which she has already fully embraced and is very excited about. New key people letters will be sent out by Friday 9th September. Please see Sophie, Nia, Natalie, Linda or Claire if you have any questions at all.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead and are looking forward to sharing some new areas with the children including the new role play room (which is currently a bakery! Please pop in and have a look) and our innovative WOW shed which is full of den making resources. We will also be developing our sensory story room over the next few months so look out for more information about that. Thank you as always for all of your support!

Please continue to visit our website for the latest dates and information

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