



Newsletter 5: January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and we hope you all had a fantastic time. We would like to thank parents for your gifts and cards, they were very much appreciated and extremely kind.

Learning and Development summaries (reports)

If you have not yet returned your child's learning and development summary to be photocopied, please do this as soon as possible, as we need to keep a record of the signed document in your child's learning and development folder. Thank you.

Primary school places

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2016 and you haven't yet applied for his or her place, please note that the deadline for applications is **Friday 15th January**.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that contact details held on file are up to date, including those of your named emergency contacts. If you require another form, please see your child's key worker.

Nativity DVD

Many thanks for your preliminary DVD orders! If you requested a copy or multiple copies of the Nativity DVD, please could you bring payment by the end of this week if possible, or as soon as you can after that. From the total payment being received, I am told that the DVDs will take about a week to arrive.

Clothing in preschool

Please ensure that your child has a full change of clothes and a jumper/cardigan with them at all times now that the weather is wet and cold.

Coffee and chat

Coffee and chat sessions are for you, as parents, to have the opportunity to get together with other parents and to have the freedom to have your say in the preschool. Sally is looking for volunteers to take over the organisation of the coffee and chat sessions as she is now a part of the team rather than a parent – it can be a single person or two or three - we need your help! If we don't have any volunteers we may have to stop the sessions altogether, which would be a shame, as we feel it is very valuable to both the preschool and parents. Please see Sally or another member of the preschool staff if you would like to find out more.

Little Fishes website

If you haven't already discovered it, our website has been updated and is now in use. If there is anything you would find helpful that we don't already have on the website, please feel free to suggest it to a member of the team.

Toys in school

While we are very happy for children to bring in toys from school, if it helps them to feel more settled, we ask that the toys be of a reasonable size (i.e. not smaller than a hand) as we find it very difficult to keep track of them during a session and they can easily get lost in the preschool room! For this reason, we also ask parents to please encourage your child to leave their toys in their drawer or return them to their drawer if they have finished playing with them.

As always we operate an open door policy to parents and carers at all times. Please feel welcome to talk to your child's key worker or any member of staff should you have any queries or concerns. You are very welcome to come and join in the fun and volunteer in any session.

Thank you for all your continued support,

The Little Fishes Team.