



Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

A belated welcome back after the Christmas break, 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. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the Round Table Santa Run which raised an amazing £544.89.

Reminders

We would politely like to remind you that no food or drink should be left in children's bags on their pegs while they are in pre-school, due to allergies. Should your child need lunch with them for after the session, please hand it to a member of staff (in a suitable container) to put in the fridge.

Please ensure that the change of clothes on your child's peg, are in zip up/ Velcro close or drawstring bags please, rather than plastic bags as plastic bags can be a safety hazard.

If you do not have access to our Facebook page and haven't returned your contact details for snow days, please could we ask you to do this as soon as possible – thank you.

Art Folders

We will no longer be keeping a separate folder for children's art work as we have decided that it is unfair to delay the children bringing it home to show you, and it is far more valuable if they can tell you about it while it is fresh in their minds. So, from now on, we will be photographing art work for 'evidence of development' instead, putting the photographs into their main Learning and Development document, and sending art and craft work home as soon as it is dry!

Spring Term

This term we will be telling stories from the Bible and about Jesus. We are beginning with Daniel and the Lions. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year, which is on Saturday 28th January this year, again with the help of Mrs Zou-Carney, to whom we are very grateful. We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday (and pancakes!), and keeping healthy and safe.

Upcoming dates for your diaries – There will be the opportunity to view your child's folder during the session on Wednesday 8th February. Sit and have a cup of tea or coffee and read through it at your leisure.

We are going to have two junk modelling days in the week after half term, so if you wouldn't mind collecting anything from the following list that you may have that you no longer need, and bringing it during the week before we break up for half term (6th-10th February) we would be very grateful: cereal boxes (**no boxes from cereals or foods containing nuts please**) or similar; kitchen roll tubes (no toilet roll tubes); string; lids from milk bottles or similar; yogurt pots; buttons; Pringle crisps containers or similar; plastic bottles; ice cream/margarine tubs; elastic bands; oxo cube boxes; toothpaste boxes; tissue paper; plastic/paper cups; egg boxes or anything else of interest! **We are unable to accept medicine or vitamin bottles or boxes.** Thank you in anticipation.

World Book Day

World Book day is on 2nd March and we are going to celebrate as we did last year by asking children to choose a favourite story and make up a 'story box/bag', choosing 3 items that help to bring the story to life to put into the box or bag with the story, and bring it into pre-school. These things do not have to be bought – they can be made or found items or items you already have at home and all will be returned when we have looked at the story. PLEASE NAME AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!! This is purely voluntary, but if you would like to participate, we ask that story boxes be brought in during the week of the 20th February please.

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Comic Relief Day (Red Nose Day) is on Friday 24th March. We will be supporting this very worthy cause by having a 'Dress up as a pirate or princess (or whatever you would like to!!) in return for a donation to Comic Relief. Again, this is purely voluntary.

Coffee and Chat – Thursday 26th January

We have a Coffee & Chat session after drop off on Thursday 26th January. This is a great opportunity to meet other pre-school parents. It's an informal get together and younger siblings are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. As always we operate an open door policy and are happy to speak with you regarding your child or any concerns you may have at any time.

Thank you, The Little Fishes Team