

## Little Fishes Pre-School Newsletter January 2020

Happy New Year and welcome back to you all, we hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break. A special welcome to the new children and their families who will be joining us this term.

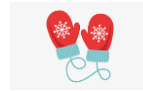
Our theme this term will be 'Shape and Colour'. We will be having a focus on a different shape each week starting next week, week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January with circle followed by square, rectangle, triangle and finally heart. We would love your children to bring in items each week that are the shape of the week. Throughout this term, we will be playing with shapes, making arrangements with shapes, learning to describe shapes (how many sides, corners etc.) mixing colours as well as many other activities. We will also learn about Chinese New Year in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January. As always, if you have any resources that would help us in our topic or if you would like to come in to help please let us know – you are always welcome.

We believe it is important for the children at Little Fishes Pre-School to be outward looking and to learn to help other people in the community. This term we are going to endeavour to raise some money for the Brackley Community Hospital, which is currently being built, and in particular for an X-Ray machine. Here is a link to tell you more about it

<https://www.brackleycommunityhospital.charity/index.php/what-we-are>

We are planning a few small fund raising events starting with a fancy dress week during the week starting 20<sup>th</sup> January. Your child can come to pre-school in fancy dress any day (or all week!) for a small donation. More events to follow!

Please remember that when you book your child in for lunch club you must make payment at the start of each half term. If you are unable to do this for whatever reason, please make sure you speak to Sally. If you need to book at short notice, payment is made on that day.



At this time of the year, we expect the weather to be cold and wet. Please ensure your child has with them appropriate clothing to go outside – including gloves and hats.



Our next Coffee and Chat meeting will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 9.a.m. Please do come along, it is a great opportunity to meet other parents, find out what is going on in the pre-school and share your ideas. There will be doughnuts to enjoy with your cuppa!

Thank you to those who expressed an interest in afternoon sessions after Easter. In order for it to be financially sustainable, we have decided to open two afternoon sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12.45 p.m. – 3.30p.m. If you would like your child to attend either or both of these sessions please speak to Sally or Nicky as soon as possible. Afternoon sessions will be every day from September 2020.

A BIG THANK YOU .....

To everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes all the staff received before Christmas. We would also like to thank you all for your support throughout last year ..... it is a privilege to work with your children.