

Little Saints



Newsletter - February 2015

Dear Parents,

It is February already and January has whizzed by so quickly but we have certainly managed to fit a lot into the first four weeks of term. So far the children have enjoyed activities based around Jack and the beanstalk, the Gingerbread man, Goldilocks and the three bears and this week, the three little pigs. Our last week will be focused on little red riding hood.

After the half term, our topic will be Staying Safe and Being Healthy, and we hope to have visits from professionals to support our theme, such as the police and a dentist.

Our Monday morning PE session is popular with the children and aside from being good fun, it is providing them with the opportunity to develop and master many skills, learn about the importance of being healthy and active and improve their fitness.

Our Pyjama Drama sessions alternate between a Friday morning and a Thursday afternoon to allow the majority of our pre-school children to benefit. After only a few sessions the children are already developing their imaginations, learning songs and actions and increase their confidence and concentration.

After half term there will be the opportunity for your child to partake in ballet lessons, these lessons will take place on a Monday morning 9am - 9.30am, and will be an additional cost to the pre-school fees. Please find a letter attached detailing the lessons. If you have any questions regarding any aspects of the extra curriculum sessions we offer, please ask.

We have welcomed Darcey, Eliana, Henry, Riley, Max and Chloe this term, and we are delighted with how settled they all are, the pre-school children have made a special effort to help them feel welcome too.

Colder months

As you are aware we do use the outside area every day and ask that you bring in a suitable coat and gloves and hat for your child. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is named, and that they bring a spare change of clothes daily.

Notice board

Do you find the notice board useful? Is there anything you would like us to add to it? Please let us know, as we aim to make it as informative as possible.

Wow Vouchers

If you need more wow vouchers please ask one of the pre-school staff for some or send an email and we can print some for you. The children are always so proud to share these moments with their friends.

Tapestry

There has been an increase in parents and family members adding comments to their children's observations, and also adding photographs for us to see, and this is wonderful news for us. The children enjoy looking at their journal whilst at pre-school, and your input is of great value to us. As always if you have any questions about Tapestry, how to add comments or photographs please ask and we will be more than happy to help.

New Pre-school Staff member

We have recently recruited an additional member of staff for the pre-school. Gemma will start with us on the 2nd March and will be a full time pre-school practitioner; she is qualified to a level 3 and has over 6 years experience of working in pre-schools.

The pre-school is becoming busier and spaces are now limited, if you wish to change or increase sessions now or in the near future, please let me know as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12th February - Valentines Workshop 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

We are very much looking forward to our workshop next week, parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and take part in Valentine themed activities. Children that do not attend on a Thursday afternoon are very welcome to come along with an adult.

Monday 23rd February - Chinese New Year Workshop 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Come along to our workshop and take part in activities based on the year of the sheep.

5th March - World Book Day

It is World Book Day - we will be dressing up as a character from our favourite book, and invite your children to do the same.

If you have any comments or questions regarding any aspect of the pre-school or your child's development please speak to a member of the pre-school staff,

Kind regards,
Sophie, Kirsty, Karen and Coral

