

Little Saints



May 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the May Newsletter. Our topic on growing has kicked off with a flying start. Thank you for all the baby photos, the children are enjoying looking at them, and guessing who they might be. It is not too late to bring one in if you have not already done so.

We are looking at the life cycle of frogs, and will soon move onto butterflies. The



children are fascinated by the tadpoles and caterpillars we have in the pre-school, and it is really helping to support the learning that is taking place. We will be celebrating the birth of the new princess next week by making cards and going on a little outing to the post box to send these (fingers crossed we get a reply!), and introducing ways for the children to vote and express their opinions and preferences.

We have been making the most of our muddy patch and all the wonderful natural items on offer for the children to explore in the space, and as our visit to the Eco garden last week to plant potatoes was such a highlight, we will now be visiting weekly.

We are now offering a weekly phonics sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday morning for the children that will be moving into reception in September. These sessions are with Mrs Shubrook, one of the reception teachers.

We are continuing with our sound of the week - thank you so much for supporting your child's learning and bringing in items for the sound table.

Week commencing 4/5 - m

Week commencing 11/5 - d

PE sessions

The Monday morning PE sessions will soon be taking place outside, weather dependent. Children will need Velcro trainers (any colour) in school, along with the school PE shorts, white socks and their pre-school polo top.

Sun cream and hats

Following on from the email I sent out last week, could you please provide your child with a sun hat to stay at the pre-school. We would also ask that sun cream be applied

to your child before they come to pre-school, and a named bottle of sun cream is brought in for us to re-apply cream to your child in the afternoons when needed. A consent form is now ready at the pre-school for your completion.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform have your child's full name in them. We have recently had some issues with missing coats and jumpers, and it does make it harder to find and return them when they are not named.

New starters

We welcomed Sophie to the pre-school after the Easter break.

Tapestry and Next Steps

We have recently started adding your child's next steps onto Tapestry and we are extremely grateful for the comments and support we have received so far from parents. Working in partnership with you to support your child's learning is hugely important and we value your input, and know what a difference this can make to your child's learning.

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. The introduction of the Wow tree has been a success, the children are rewarding their class members with Wows for the special and caring things they notice them doing.

Questionnaires

A parent's questionnaire will be coming home with your child next week. Please complete and return it to pre-school in as much detail as you can; your thoughts and opinions help us to ensure we are providing the best service and care for your child.

Dates for your Diary

Half term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Holiday Club - Wednesday 27th May

Friday 5th June - Father's Day gift sale

Saturday 13th June - School Summer Fair

Wednesday 17th June - Pre-school Parents Evening

Friday 19th June - Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 26th June - Pre-school trip to Paradise Wildlife Park (Date to be confirmed)

Thursday 2nd July - Sports Day

Monday 6th July - Pre-school leavers assembly

Wednesday 8th July - End of term - Pre-school closes at 12.30pm

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, Coral and Gemma

