

Little Fishes @ St Peter's, Ash Newsletter Spring/Summer 24

This term is rushing by, we are almost at the end of the Spring term and about to head into the summer term. The summer term is one of our busiest as we begin to get our older children ready for school and our younger children are all settled and ready to try new activities. This term we welcomed Milly to our staff team, she is going to be working alongside Louise in yellow group as well as supporting some of the other children.

Thank you for your ongoing support from all the Little Fishes Staff Team.

This term Boogie beats has been on a Wednesday, hopefully we will be moving it to a different day after Easter, we will update you all once we have confirmation. The children very much enjoy this music and movement class.

We have also introduced a weekly gardening session, run by a local parent, Philippa Mitchell who runs 'Wild Explorers' which is a family group run mainly at Normandy common on weekends. This term the gardening days are on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children are really enjoying searching for bugs, experimenting with soil, and different growing methods as well as planting some fruit and veg in our garden.

Easter Church Service – Tuesday 26th March 9.15am

We will be holding our family Easter Church Service on Tuesday 26th March, everyone is welcome to attend, and parents/carers are invited to stay for it. It is a child friendly service (Father Keith usually has a puppet helping him) and last for approx. 25 minutes. We will meet in church that morning so please come directly to church not to the centre.

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please visit our page:-

www.facebook.com/LittleFishesAsh/ as details of all events are posted and updated regularly

Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning and sale at the start of the month. You raised £72 for Little Fishes.

Summer outing - We will be running our family summer outing again this year. As soon as we have a date and details of cost etc we will send a letter home.

Outdoors -

We go outside **every** day – hopefully after the Easter holidays we will get some warm, sunny days. The children are likely to be taking off their sweatshirts – please ensure they are named. Sunscreen should be applied before coming in each morning and a sunhat needs to be provided when needed.

Children also need to have a spare set of clothes in their bags in case of any accidents.

Please ensure **all items** are **named**, especially sweatshirts, boots, sunhats, and coats.

School leavers - you will be notified of the allocated school for your child on 16th April. We will ask you which school your child got and if you are accepting or appealing. In previous years we have made up groups of parents whose child is going to the same school so that they can arrange for playdates etc over the summer. We will also send out a letter detailing how you and we can help to get your child ready for school. Nearer the end of the summer term we will arrange for a keyperson transition meeting with you before we share the information with the school.

Dates for your diary

Sat 23rd March – 10-12 -Village Hall Day – St Peters Centre is hosting a reuse & recycle event with assorted bric a brac, books etc for sale
Tues 26th March – Family Easter church service 9.15am
29th March – 14th April – closed for Easter holidays
Mon 7th May – closed for May Bank Holiday
25th May - 2nd June – closed for May half term holidays
18th July – end of term (No lunch club this day for those not going to school)

The Car Park!!

Please **do not** park beyond the end of the rectory fence, the area near the entrance is left clear for staff cars and to avoid moving vehicles near the entrance/exit. The disabled space should be left empty for those who need it and your speed should be of a crawling pace. Please can you also reverse park when you arrive. Whilst every child should be supervised within the carpark there have been some close encounters lately with speeding drivers rushing to park as close to the door as possible, particularly at drop off – we would rather you be a few minutes late than have someone hurt in the car park.

Staying Safe Online

We have attached a leaflet to the newsletter regarding online safety, children can often access things online and this may increase as we head into the school holidays so it's good to refresh your knowledge.

Fundraising

If anyone works for a company who is able to match fund our fundraising money please let Jackie, Natalie or Hannah know.