

Little Fishes @ St Peter's, Ash Newsletter Autumn 23

Welcome to the autumn term at Little Fishes. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. Our new SENCO, Mel will be joining our staff team this week and we look forward to working with her. Most of the children have settled now and are eager to come in each morning. If you have any questions please drop us an email and we can arrange a time to meet, or catch the person on door once all the children have gone in/out, we will always make time to hear your queries. Thank you for your ongoing support from all the Little Fishes Staff Team.

This half term has been busy settling in our new children, we have also restarted Boogie beats on a Friday, we try and move this round each term to get as many children as possible involved at some point during their time with us.

This week we re-introduced snack chopping with the children, it's done in a small group (they all get a turn over the term) with safety knives and they enjoy the task of getting snack ready for their friends.

We do have space on a Wednesday lunch club – your child does need to be over 3 (due to our ratio requirements) and able to sit still for the eating session (30 Mins) and eat independently (staff are available to open packets etc), they also need to be able to take part in the after lunch activity – we finish at 1.45pm

Photographer - Mark Kennedy is a fantastic local photographer who we have known for a long time and use each year for our preschool photo shoots. He will be coming in on Thursday 9th November to take individual photos. For the children that usually attend on a Thursday staff will take them through in small groups throughout the session. If your child does not attend on a Thursday and you wish their photo to be taken please let me know and we will book you a slot. You will need to bring your child at that time and wait whilst we take them to get their photo taken and then take them back home

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

Outdoors -

We go outside **every** day - Now that the weather is getting chillier, please make sure a suitable coat is supplied.

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, hats, mittens, scarves and coats.

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 also so there are no 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.

Little Fishes Annual General Meeting

Please come and join us on Monday 13th November at 8pm for our AGM. This gives you a chance to find out about things preschool does, how things run and what has happened over the past year. There is tea/coffee and biscuits after the meeting.

Fundraising

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

Fundraising News

Thank you to everyone who bought some of the lovely books that were outside, we raised £35 and we're hoping to do a similar event next term.

We are also going to be collecting chocolate and bottles for our stall at the St Peters Christmas fayre for our tombola stall. We ask you to donate a item in exchange for your child dressing up during our themed week 29th Nov – 1st Dec – we will send out more details nearer the time. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising we would love to hear them.

Dates for your diary

21st Oct – 29th October – closed for half term holidays

Thursday 9th November – school photographer in

Monday 13th November – AGM 8PM

Monday 27th Nov – Fri 1st Dec – dress up week details to follow

Sat 2nd Dec – St Peters Xmas fayre 11am – 1pm

Mon 11th Dec – family Christmas service in church 9.15am

Tuesday 12th/Wed 13th Dec nativity performances – details to follow

Thursday 16th Dec – Xmas Party – **10am – 12.30pm** – All welcome, even if not their usual day – no lunch session, please note the change of times.

Thursday 4th Jan – spring term begins.