



Little Learners Newsletter 27th January 2017



We are committed to ongoing improvement and development at St Anne's Primary School and it is important to us that we include feedback from our families. We would like to invite parents and carers to take part in this short survey to help inform our future action plans.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BKJNFGW>

Car park

Please can we remind all parents/carers, and those who use the school carpark to drop off and collect their child, to be mindful of pedestrians and keep their speed to a minimum. Thank you.

Date for your diary

Tulip Photography will be visiting Nursery again on Wednesday 28th June 2017. Appointments will be available closer to the time for those children who do not already attend on a Wednesday.



North Somerset Speech & Language Drop-in sessions

Have you got questions about your child's speech or language development? Pop in and see an expert for free advice and guidance from North Somerset Council. Sessions will be running at Oldmixon Family Centre, The Healthy Living Centre, Ashcombe Children's Centre and Weston Children's Centre, to run alongside Stay & Play sessions whenever possible. There will be an appointment system to avoid parents having a potentially lengthy wait. Parents can now call the relevant Children's Centre to book a 20 minute slot.

Wednesday 1st February 2017 10am – 12pm Ashcombe Children's Centre
(Call 01934 426380 to book a slot)

Learning Review meetings

We are holding a set of learning review meetings on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February. These are initially aimed at our new cohort of children who did not attend our November sessions. Priority will be given to new families. However, if you would like to see your child's key person during these sessions please do make an appointment.

We hope that our interactive learning diary system is helpful in seeing how your Little Learner is progressing. Should you wish to have an informal chat, our Nursery Crew will be available during the following periods for 10 minute appointments.

Tuesday 7 th February 2017	
Katie Hutchings	4.00pm-6.00pm
Emily Hodder	4.00pm-6.00pm
Amy Marsh	4.00pm-6.00pm

Thursday 9 th February 2017	
Abby Selwood	4.00pm-6.30pm
Anna Blasdale	4.00pm-6.30pm

Emily Poole is on holiday during that week, so she will be available later in the month.

Thursday 23 rd February 2017	
Emily Poole	4.00pm-6.00pm

Please use the clipboard located in the parent's area of Nursery to sign up.

Letters and sounds

We have begun to intensify our teaching of phonological awareness to our preschool leaver



group as they begin their last few months with us before continuing their journey to primary school. Here is some more information for parents but please don't panic if to begin with it sounds like learning a foreign language!

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-information-understanding-phonics/>

We want to encourage our children to enjoy finding letters in their names, in the environment and listening to a variety of sounds. There are many videos available on YouTube which demonstrate pure letter sounds i.e. ssssss as in snake or a as in apple. It is important if you would like to support your child at home that you help your child learn 'pure sounds'.

All of our children are discreetly introduced to phase 1 and 2 sound games, activities and lessons which helps to prepare them for the progression onto learning letter sounds but please don't worry if your child is uninterested; we will encourage all children to develop a love of letters to aid their progression into their future Reception class.

If you are interested in continuing your child's learning at home, here is a link to the cards we use in school.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485460072&sr=8-1&keywords=read+write+inc

We will continue to provide updates regularly but if you would like any more information please just ask a member of the Nursery Crew.