



## Little Learners Newsletter 24th February 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Marina, who will be joining the Nursery Crew on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. She will be at Nursery, every day from 1.00pm-6.00pm and has a wealth of experience in working with children in the Early Years.



*Hello my name is Marina and I come to you from a private day nursery with 6 years' experience as a Nursery Practitioner where I was promoted to Deputy Manager for the final year. Previous to this I have worked in various schools as a teaching assistant. I am a mother to three grown children and am enjoying watching them become parents as my eldest son and youngest daughter both have two young children each. I am very pleased to be part of the St Anne's team and look forward to getting to know you and your Little Learners.*

### Sainsbury's Kids Vouchers

Right now we're in the voucher collection phase of Active Kids 2017. From 25 January to 2 May 2017, parents and the community can collect vouchers when shopping at Sainsbury's stores and petrol stations (where you can collect double), and then drop them into one of the collection boxes in the foyers at both of our campuses. Once all vouchers have been collected, we can exchange them for brand new sports and cooking equipment.



Active Kids

### Early Years Education – extended entitlement

Thank you to those parents who have already returned their existing placeholder contracts, notifying us of any request for additional or change of hours from September 2017. We anticipate we will be able to accommodate most requests for additional hours, thanks to our new build extension due to be completed in September 2017.

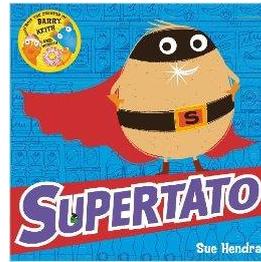
*Return date for returning new contract for September 2017  
place: **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.***

If you think that you will be eligible and are unsure of how to make use of your extended entitlement hours, in the first instance please see the attached our 30 hours newsletter. If you have any further questions please do drop us an email or chat to Amy at Nursery.

### Parking

Thank you for using the main car park when dropping off and collecting your children. As you may have noticed, the rough ground at the end of the carpark is increasingly uneven and unsuitable for car tyres.

### Can you help us?



Our learning theme for March is entitled 'Superheroes'. Our chosen text for this theme is Supertato. For those of you who aren't familiar, Supertato is sent on a quest to save the frozen vegetables from the evil pea! We would like to ask for our parents help in teaching our Little Learners about real life superheroes. Do you have a profession in which you help people? Do you work in the emergency services? At a hospital? Dentist? Police officer? Do you deliver post?

If you do, we would like to hear from you! We invite parents to visit us in uniform to share experiences, read a story, show children props or perhaps help children design and create their own. If it is possible, we welcome emergency vehicles too. We would really like to teach the children that Superheroes really are all around us; in addition to the ever popular Batman, Captain America and Spiderman.

If you think you can help, please drop us an email or speak to a member of the Nursery Crew. Visits could range from a 10 minute story sharing session with a small group of children to a more in-depth question and answer opportunity. We really appreciate any time you could share with us and our Little Learners.

### Edwards and Ward catering

We strive to improve the service we offer to our families and some of our parents have requested some healthier hot meal options at lunch time. We have worked with our catering contractor, Edwards and Ward who have recently introduced their new Spring/Summer menu which is available on our website. We will keep you informed via our daily information clipboard as to what the children are having for lunch but we hope that you begin to notice a few different hot meal options for our Little Learners.

### World Book Day



Children who attend on a Thursday are invited to bring their favourite book to Nursery on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. Please remember to write your child's name in the cover to ensure books can be returned home.

### Boogie Beat



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we are excited to welcome Rebecca from Boogie Beat who is going to run a course of music and movement sessions for our Little Learners. They will take place in the school hall, on Wednesday at 2.15pm during March. If your Little Learner attends on a Wednesday afternoon, please be sure to dress them in comfortable clothes and shoes in preparation for the active session!