



Little Learners Newsletter 28th April 2017



What another busy week! The children have really enjoyed spending a lot of time outdoors. When the weather is nice enough we provide the children opportunity to *free flow* indoors, outdoors and in the learning street which helps to maintain a calm atmosphere and facilitates lots of great learning! Whilst it really helps us to make the most of being outdoors, this lovely (but ever changing!) weather does make it challenging to find clothing suitable for all weathers. Please ensure your Little Learner has a rain coat or mac and on sunny days, arrives at Nursery with all day sun protection already applied. As the temperature continues to increase (and become more reliable!) we will be asking parents each morning to confirm that their child has adequate sun protection. We know it sounds bonkers but after the hail/snow storm this week nothing will surprise us!

Little Learners Nursery expansion

We are pleased to share more news about September plans. The recruitment process has started to allow us to open two new classes on 4th September 2017. We are recruiting for an additional Deputy Nursery Manager, please don't worry Anna isn't leaving!

More information can be found by following the link below. If you know anyone who may be interested please do let them know!

<http://www.nsesp.org/vacancies>

Packed lunch guidance

We would like to ask parents to refrain from providing their Little Learners from snacks such as 'fruit winders' in their lunch/tea boxes. We understand they are fun to eat but many children consider these sweets; so you can appreciate the upset that may cause during meal times. A cake or biscuit of some sort is no problem at all; it is just the sugar based jelly sweet type snacks we are asking you to save for at home.

Recommend a friend

If someone you know would like a Nursery place from September 2017 or earlier, please ask them to contact us to book an appointment for a visit on one of our tours:

Tuesday 9th May – 9.00am and 9.30am

Thursday 11th May – 2.00pm and 2.30pm - **FULL**

Friday 12th May – 9.00am and 9.30am
Monday 15th May – 2.00pm and 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th May – 9.00am and 9.30am

Please ask them to mention your name when booking and don't forget to ask me about scheduling your free half day session!

Little Learners annual family Sports Day

Thursday 16th or Friday 17th June @ 2.15pm

We are pleased to invite **all** children and parents to join in an afternoon of sporting fun and games! Both afternoons will be the same and all children will take part in four races. To enable these super two afternoons to go ahead, we will require a few parent helpers. Nothing too stressful, just a couple of extra adults per team to help ensure our children can pick up dropped eggs and make it over the hurdles! Please sign up to which afternoon you would like to attend with your Little Learner on the clipboards in the parents area and if you can be a helper. Children who are not usually in on these afternoons will need to be accompanied by their parent/carer. Younger siblings are of course welcome too.



Once we have a list of how many children will be attending we will divide the children into coloured teams – keep an eye out for more information.

School leavers celebration



Tuesday 11th July @ 9.30am or 4.00pm

This special event is especially for the children and parents who will be leaving us this Summer to start school in September. More information will be provided closer to the time but for now please pop the date in your diary and sign up to which performance you would like to come and see using the clipboards in the parents area at Nursery.

We will be able to welcome each Little Learner to take part in one performance for their families to come and see and up to three adults per Little Learner.

The new 30 hour extended entitlement is starting in September 2017

Hooray the Government application process is now up and running and you will need to check if you are eligible as soon as possible.

Things to remember;

- Eligibility **must** be checked and confirmed the term prior to the funding starting (i.e. in Summer term for September start, in Autumn term for April start). If you don't apply in time you **will** miss out on the funding and have to wait for the start of the following term.
- You must provide us with your code as soon as you receive it or you could be liable for full payment of your child's sessions.
- We are keen to provide you with Nursery sessions using your child's statutory or extended funding entitlement but please remember we have no access to or part to play in the eligibility process. If you do not provide an active code prior to your child's start date they will not be able to attend their funded sessions.

Use the following link to check your eligibility;
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>