



Nursery Newsletter December 2019

What an exciting November it has been! We have welcomed three lovely ladies to our team, Lucy in the baby room, Sarah and Rianne in our toddler room. We have also welcomed two beautiful babies to our lovely Naomi and Sarah. Naomi has a boy and Sarah has a girl and all are doing well.

We also had our Children in Need fundraiser and thanks to your generosity we managed to raise just over £211,00 😊 so thank you all very much and I am sure Pudsey will be very happy.

Pre School Carol Concert- Thank you to those who have sent back your consent forms and tickets are now ready for you to request. Just a reminder we are asking for donations for the tickets and there will be a maximum of 4 tickets per family available. A reminder of the date and time can be found later in this newsletter. The children have all been practising lots and you will probably have heard most of the songs by the time the event comes around!

As it is December and this month is all about Christmas, the children will be making lots of lovely things which means lots of glue, paint and yes lots of glitter too! Could we kindly ask you to not dress your child in anything that you do not wish to have paint, glue and yes glitter too on their clothes! We do try to make sure they are covered with an apron, but they still manage to get messy play underneath and onto their clothes!

Lost Property – Our lost property tray is becoming full again so please can you check when you arrive and take anything that belongs to your child.

Please can we remind you to **name your child's clothes/shoes/wellies** – it's very difficult to keep track of lots of little one's items without names and sometimes a very difficult task to remember everyone's wellies and shoes throughout the day. Also, now the colder weather is upon us could we please ask that you name your child's gloves and hat too 😊

I'm sure you have noticed – the two main buckets in the entrance have now been taken over by many wellies- there will be a third bucket as you enter to your left that is just for shoes, so they don't get muddy! Please can we ask that you do not take wellies upstairs to put on as we try our best to keep the mud downstairs! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

School starters September 2020: The applications are now open for those of you who have little ones starting school next September. Lots of schools have open days, or you can contact them directly to arrange visits. If you need any help or advice at all when applying, please do not hesitate to ask the office.

Older Siblings: For our Parents/Carers who have older siblings that come in at drop offs or collections, can we politely ask that you do not let your children open the gates or access

other gates/rooms on their own. The gates are being left open which is causing a security risk for us and potentially puts other children at risk. We also need to ask you to not let older siblings open the front door – for obvious reasons this also poses a security risk. Please understand we are not trying to be difficult, as I know some of your older children are only trying to be helpful, and although we have had no problems from this so far, we obviously want to stop the potential of something happening. We must have one rule for all, so we would appreciate if you could ensure your older children are not opening the gates or door from now on.

Collections: Please remember to arrive at least 10 mins before the end of your child's session, be this 1pm or 6pm. The ladies Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Your Children's bags – Please ensure nothing is left in them during the day that should not be i.e. foods, medications.

Continued Reminders

Late Collections

We will be issuing late collection fees if parents/carers arrive past 1pm, 6pm – or indeed past your agreed collection time for your child if this is different.

Our late collection fee is £5 for anything up to 5 minutes late, and a £1 a minute there after. Please understand – our late fees are steep, and we are aware of this, however we have sent reminders, polite requests and spoken to individuals for the past two months, so this really is a last resort for us. We thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation to collect within the session times.

Dates for your 2019/2020 Diary:

Pre School Carol Concert: Monday 9th December 2019 at 4.15pm -5pm. Littlehampton Baptist Church, Fitzalan Road.

Christmas Shut Down Week 2019: We will be closed the w/c 23rd December 2019 (inclusive of bank holidays) and will be closed on Wednesday January 1st, 2020.

Term Time Families only: Term ends Friday 20th December and Starts on Monday January 6th, 2020.

Fee Payment – is the 3rd of every month – Please ensure that your invoices are paid by the payment date of the 3rd of each month for that month. Your co-operation and timely payments are much appreciated,

Kindest Regards, Natalie & The Friendly Fish Team.

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