

The Pink Cottage Newsletter

January 2016

Little Reminders...

- It would be really helpful if all parents/carers could name their children's clothes and wellies, either with a label or marker pen.
- We have some waterproofs at nursery but not enough for one each. Please provide some for your child if you have some at home.
- Could we also remind parents/carers to provide a suitable amount of spare clothes in your child's bag. At least one change but more if they are toilet training.
- Please can parents/carers not arrive until your child's contracted session time. You will be required to wait due to staff ratios.

Spanish Classes

Our Spanish classes for the pre-school children will resume on Wednesday 13th January with a break on Wednesday 17th February for half term. The last session will then be Wednesday 24th February.

Children's Photographer

Week commencing Monday 25th April, Sarah Foye will be returning to take beautiful photos of your children while they play! These photos will then be available for you to purchase.

Your Child's Next Steps

We are introducing a slightly new way of recording and capturing information for your children's Next Steps each term. Your child's key person will be asking you to take a few minutes at home to record any changes and/or developments in any of the areas of learning and development that you feel may have taken place recently. They will give you a special form, together with an Early Years Foundation Stage chart to help you.

In addition, your child's key person will complete a 'thought bubble' to illustrate what your child has enjoyed and/or achieved recently at nursery. This may include photos and mark making from your child!

We hope you will support us to help ensure your child's learning and development folder contains as much relevant and interesting information about your child as possible. The information you give as a parent/carer is such a valuable insight.

Christmas Party

A big thank you to all families who attended our Nativity and Christmas Party. A huge well done to the children as well! We are pleased to say we raised £100 which we have put straight back into the nursery for the benefit of the children. New 'Orchard' games and a car garage have been purchased for the pre-school, and a lovely new activity table for the younger children downstairs.

Tea Time

For those children at nursery during tea time, it is very important that you ensure an ice pack is contained within their sandwich box. We do not have enough fridge space to store their boxes. We would also like to remind parents/carers about the contents of the sandwich boxes - we would be very grateful if you could avoid packing chocolate, as we aim to promote healthy eating whilst at nursery as much as possible.

Students

We have three students joining us over the course of the Spring Term (until April). Tia started in January. She will be attending on a Tuesday and Thursday and is initially working in the Caterpillar Room with the babies. She will spend time in all rooms. She is studying for her Level 3 qualification in childcare.

Shannon will join us at the end of February. She is completing her Level 2 qualification in childcare. She will be attending on a Monday and Friday and will be with us until June.

For one week during February, Ellie will also join us for a block placement from Bishop Luffa School in Chichester. She is currently in year 10 at high school and undertaking her work experience placement.

Half Term Dates

For all parents/carers whose children attend on a term time only basis, their nursery sessions will stop week commencing Monday 15th February. Those children will return to nursery week commencing Monday 22nd February.

Nursery will be closed for **all children** on Friday 25th March for Good Friday and Monday 28th March for Easter Monday. Term Time only children will return to nursery on Monday 11th April.

Registration Forms and Questionnaire

Please find attached (if applicable) a Registration Form which we would be very grateful if you could update and return. There is also a Questionnaire which we would very much appreciate if you could also complete and return.

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We would really value your comments on our nursery as we are constantly seeking to improve our practice. Your ideas and suggestions, any concerns and even any compliments would be very much appreciated. **Please post your reply slips in the Post Box in the entrance hall or hand them to your child's key person. Thank you.**

