

# The Pink Cottage Newsletter

## September 2017

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to the autumn term at The Pink Cottage! To all our new families, families who have rejoined us after the summer holidays and our existing children and their families, we hope you enjoy everything this exciting time of year has to offer at our nursery.

### Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome back Jade Marshall as a Childcare Practitioner. Jade has previously worked at The Pink Cottage on a temporary basis following the completion of her Level 3 childcare qualification, before she embarked on her exciting Camp America experience! Jade will commence her employment at nursery on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. She will work full time, five days a week with our youngest children in the Butterfly Rooms.

### 30 Hours Extended Free Entitlement

The introduction of the new funding scheme has gone relatively smoothly! Please can we just remind all parents who are eligible and in receipt of the **extended funding** for the autumn term, that you will need to update your details online with the HMRC **every three months**. This is essential to ensure that our setting can continue to receive the extended funding for your child.

### Singing Spanish Sessions

We are looking into offering fun, interactive singing Spanish sessions again. We have organised a taster sessions on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10am. If it is successful we will be offering these sessions out to our pre-school children. If it is not usually a day your child attends and you would like to come along then please speak to a member of staff.

### Forest School Sessions

Following the success of our first forest sessions earlier this year, we are planning to offer these again for our oldest pre-school children in the New Year. Due to the high number of school leavers we will have, there will potentially be two groups. This will ensure all children who want to can attend. These will run one after the other for a period of six weeks each. More details will follow.

### Storyteller

We are excited to let you know that we have organised for a children's author to come into nursery for a morning of storytelling. She will adapt shorter stories from her book, 'The Wonder Tales', for our pre-school children to deliver an exciting and interactive storytelling session. This is scheduled for December and we will confirm the date and time in due course. We would like to invite any parents, carers and grandparents who are available to come and join your child for this session. For more information please visit the following link [www.thewondertails.com/listen-to-a-story/](http://www.thewondertails.com/listen-to-a-story/)

### **Pre-School Toys from Home**

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly request that you support and encourage your child to leave their own toys at home. If there is just one special toy they would like to bring in to share at group time, or a special item or photo, this would be very welcome. The children will have the opportunity to share and then they will be asked to put it safely in their bag on their peg. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Butterfly Family Photos**

We would like to remind all the parents of children in our youngest rooms (Butterflies) that if you haven't already bought in some family photos, the practitioners would greatly appreciate a small selection (just one or two). These are used with the children during play and provide lovely learning and development opportunities with our youngest children as they are prompted to share feelings and emotions through recognition, and language and conversation as the older children share their thoughts and experiences.

### **Staff Training**

- Taryn** - Marvellous Maths in the Early Years  
Child Protection for the Designated Person  
INCO/SENCO Network
- Gemma** - Sustained Shared Thinking  
Early Years Learning and Development Network
- Jodie** - Practical Communication Activities and Information for Early Years Practitioners

### **Dates for your Diary**

- October half term - W/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Halloween fun - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Storyteller - tbc
- Pre-School Nativities - Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow)
- Christmas Jumper Day  
(in aid of Save the Children) - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Nursery Christmas Parties - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow)

**We always value and respect all feedback we receive about our nursery. If you have any thoughts, ideas or comments you would like to share then please do speak with a member of staff directly or email us.**