

Little Dragons

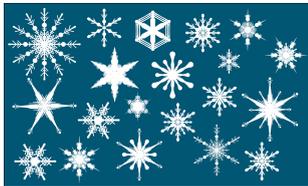
Newsletter January 2022



Welcome - Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

We would also like to welcome Phoebe, Barnaby and Luca and their families to Little Dragons, we hope you all have lots of fun meeting new friends.

What are we doing? We had lots of fun doing all our activities linked to Christmas in the lead up to the end of term! There was a lot of glitter, glue, sequins and shiny media! We did some cooking and tried some mince pies and Christmas pudding. We learnt new songs and sung familiar ones too - Jingle Bells is always a favourite!



This term we will be learning about and exploring winter time. We base a lot of our daily activities around the children's interests and are led by them. However we will also introduce them to some new stories, concepts, ideas and activities to promote their overall learning and development.

Thank you to all the children who took part in our nativity- they were all amazing, from rehearsing to performing on the day and they looked fantastic. Thank you also to everyone who supported them by coming along to watch, join our party and support the committee by buying tea and coffee and raffle tickets - we raised £209. Thank you to Lucy for serving our refreshments and to all committee members for their help.



A big thank you to Father Christmas too!

Applying for a Primary School Place If your child is due to start school this academic year- September 2022, you must apply for a place no later than 15th January. You can apply for a place at a state primary school online (follow the link) or by using your council's application form. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place>



AGM: We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on 25th January at 7.30pm in the Pre-school hall. Our meetings are fun, relaxed and friendly- a great way to meet new friends and be part of your child's Pre-school. We would like to encourage as many of you to attend as possible.



Learning Book We have had a few parents report some teething problems on Learning Book, since the Early Years' Foundation Stage Curriculum was updated. If you are struggling to access your child's Learning Book, don't think you have had any updates recently or experienced any other issues with the system please do let a member of staff know and we can sort this for you.

Committee-Parents WhatsApp group:

Have you joined our WhatsApp group yet? If not then please feel free to contact Charlotte Perryman (Valencia's Mum) 07388211865 Charlotte.perryman@icloud.com or talk to her in the drop off/pick up line Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday. This is a friendly group and a fantastic communication tool for when you have forgotten what we are dressing up as, or what event is happening on a certain day! It's also a great way to stay in touch with other parents- arrange a walk or a coffee whilst your little ones play.



Parent- Key Person Meetings

Save the date: We are offering you a 10 minute meeting with your child's Key Person to discuss how your child is learning and developing with us at Pre-school. These will be held on the afternoon of either the 8th or 9th of February. Your child's key person will offer/arrange a time with you shortly.



Safeguarding



Staff reviewed and completed a behaviour audit as part of the teacher training day on Tuesday. This covers many aspects of the running of Pre-school, it helps us to ensure all the children's individual behavioural needs are met and all staff are confident in helping to meet these. Staff were very happy with the results of the audit.

Linda attended the last committee meeting to lead a safeguarding training session covering some of the essential knowledge relating to this topic. Definition of safeguarding: 'Action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm, including inflicting harm and failing to protect from harm.' Please ask a member of staff if you would like to know more.

Don't forget

Please can all children have a pair of wellies or suitable waterproof footwear. We often use the grass area behind Pre-school which can be very wet. The children's feet get wet and cold quickly if they do not have appropriate shoes/boots on, thank you.



Quick reminder

- Tuesday 25th January- AGM
- Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February- Parent meetings