

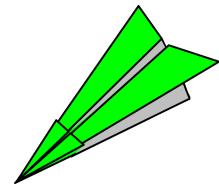
# Little Dragons'

## Newsletter February 2023



**Welcome** We would like to welcome River and Freddie and their families to Pre-school, we hope you have lots of fun settling in and making new friends.

**What are we doing?** We have been learning about winter, looking at snow and ice, singing rhymes linked to weather- 'Incy Spider' and 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush'. We have been enjoying playing on the grass chasing hoops and balls and playing 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?' Some of the children's latest interests have been aeroplanes- which led to making paper aeroplanes, envelopes- which has led to making a lot of envelopes but also mark making as we made letters to go in the envelopes and shapes- which led to making shapes with construction materials as well as 3D shapes and playing 'shape' Snap.



We have also been learning about Chinese New Year taking part in lots of fun activities- playing with rice and noodles, painting, sticking and trying to write Chinese numbers or letters.

As we go into the next few weeks we will explore other celebrations/events including Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. We will continue to talk about winter and how the seasons change. As ever we will also be led by the children's interests and plan activities around these.

### **Thank you**

We are very sad to be losing Cara this term. The staff and children will really miss her in Pre-school and would like to thank her for all her hard work, care and friendship. The children enjoyed making her a card and presenting her with flowers and chocolates on her last day. Thank you Cara.

**Winter-** Please be aware that we can take a while to warm up in the hall over winter. **Please send your child in layers or pop a warm jumper in their bag in case they get cold.**

Please could you also send them with a hat and gloves for the garden. They love playing outside but they get cold quickly.



### **AGM:**

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 24th January all reports are attached to the original email. Thank you to those who attended.

### **Safeguarding**

We have updated our 'sharing photographs' permission slips this term. This ensures all parents and staff are aware, what happens with any photos that are taken whilst their children are within the care of the Pre-school setting. It will also ensure no photos are shared anywhere a parent is not happy with.

### Parents' lunch

We would like to invite you to join us for lunch on Friday February 3rd at 12pm. If your child normally goes home at 12pm you are still welcome to stay, if your child doesn't usually attend on a Friday you are welcome to join us 12pm-1pm. Bring lunch and join your child- our lunchtimes are always a lovely social occasion and the children love to share them with you.



### Bag2school 22nd February



Little Dragons' has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our Pre-school. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in a bin bag type bag - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). Do get friends and family involved too as the *more bags collected means more money raised for Little Dragons'*. **Bag2School** will be *collecting from Ogbourne school at 9am on Wednesday 22nd February*. You can drop your bags with the school from Tuesday morning on 21st February. So get rummaging over half term and help us have a really good collection!

### Quote of the month!

We went for a walk around the village, it was very sunny so we were looking at our shadows. On our return to Pre-school we saw our shadows again on the outside of the village hall building. One of the children noticed the paint peeling and asked "Is Pre-school a antique?" !

**Dates to remember:**

- ★ Friday 3rd February - Parents' lunch
- ★ Friday 10th February - Last day of term 3- Half term
- ★ Monday 20th February - **Teacher training day - no children in Pre-school on this day**
- ★ Tuesday 21st February - First day of term 4
- ★ Wednesday 22nd February- Bag2school