

# Little Dragons

## Newsletter January 2024



**Welcome** - We would like to welcome Lycus, Henry and Max and their families to Little Dragons. We hope you will have lots of fun making new friends.

We would also like to welcome Ceri to our staffing team and hope you will join us in helping her to feel welcome to our Pre-school.

**What are we doing?** We enjoyed lots of activities linked to Christmas in the lead up to the end of term! There was lots of glitter involved! We made mince pies and biscuits, cards and calendars and explored different materials in our exploration tray-sequins, baubles, tinsel etc.

The children took part in a lovely nativity sing-a long and enjoyed their Christmas party.

This term we will keep some Christmas books and puzzles available for a couple of weeks as we find this stems conversation from the children's own experiences of Christmas at home.

We will also explore the weather- winter and cold, ice and snow etc.

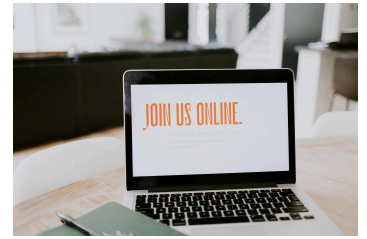
We are always led by the children's own interests and abilities and access activities and resources on a daily basis for individual children to explore and develop these interests further.



### **Friends of Little Dragons- zoom gathering**

Our next get together will be on Wednesday 17th January 8pm on zoom.

Please do join us if you can, it was fantastic to see some more faces at our last meeting, we would love to see you again, and some more of you if you can!



Follow this link to join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87189225088>

### **Thank you**

We would like to thank everyone for their support in all our events leading up to Christmas.

- Christmas Jumper week- The children loved this week and looked lovely and festive- we also raised £17 for Save the Children
- Parents Christmas activities and lunch- This event was really lovely with lots of you joining in icing cakes and sharing our lunch hour- thank you.
- Nativity, Party and Christmas Raffle- We know the children really enjoyed this morning and they all did so well in our nativity. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. We would like to thank the committee for all their support with the general organisation of the day and the raffle. We'd also like to thank Maisie's Grandad and Sue for selling teas, coffees, cakes and raffle tickets. £201.70

**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.

Please also ensure your child has wellingtons (or similar) and waterproofs for outside play.



**IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER-** due to recent events with flooding etc, we wanted to let you know if we ever have to close or alter timings of Pre-school due to bad weather, we would message on the parents Whats app. We would ask that you respond asap to these messages and anyone we don't hear back from we would phone.

### **Reminder-school places**

Please remember that if your child is starting primary school in September 2023 you need to apply for a place for them no later than 15th January.



**AGM:** We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm in the Pre-school hall. We would like to encourage as many of you to attend as possible. Our staff and committee give a review of the previous academic year and there will be refreshments available.

### **Term 3 Parents lunch**

You are invited to share our lunch hour with your child on Monday 5th February 12-1pm.

Bring some lunch and join us for a short story and lunch, the children love sharing this time with you.

If your child doesn't attend on a Monday lunchtime or usually leaves at 12pm you are both still welcome to join us.

If your child usually stays until 3pm you are welcome to join us and leave them again or take them home if this is easier.



### Dates to remember:

- ★ Wednesday 17th January- Friends of Little Dragons zoom get together
- ★ Wednesday 24th January- AGM
- ★ Monday 5th February - Parents lunch
- ★ Friday 9th February - Last day of term 3
- ★ Monday 19th February - TDDay- no children in Pre-school today
- ★ Tuesday 20th February - First day of term 4



### Term Dates

Please follow the following link for the 2023-2024 term dates and school holidays:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1684/Term-dates-and-holidays>

As well as the holidays we also have 5 teacher training days, Pre-school is closed to all children on these days:

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 19th February 2024 \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday 7th May 2024

Friday 14th June 2024