

Little Dragons

Newsletter April 2024



Welcome We would like to welcome Elodie and Flynn 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 spending some time with our friends in reception class at Ogbourne school as they visit us and we visit them. We also joined them for an Easter egg hunt in the last week of term which was great fun.

We have been talking about Easter and the start of spring over the past couple of weeks. We have also been linking this theme with patterns making repeating patterns with egg shapes and small farm animal sorting counters. We have had some daffodils in Pre-school that were in bud when we got them, we watched them open, and chatted about their colour, shape and smell. We have also been drawing and painting our own daffodil and viola pictures and observing our flowers growing in the garden. We will grow more flowers, herbs and vegetables next term.



As ever we will also be led by the children's interests and plan activities around these.

Safeguarding

Staff will have an inclusion visit from our Early Years Inclusion Adviser during term 5 to support us with bridging any gaps and keep us up to date with general Early Years information. All Early years settings in Wiltshire will be fortunate enough to get these visits.

Easter Party/Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter party, including those who planned it, helped set up or tidy away, attended the party or supported the raffle in any way. We raised an amazing £216! It sounds like the children had a fantastic time and it was a lovely way for them to start their Easter holidays.



Friends of Little Dragons gathering

Our next get together will be on **Tuesday 30th April 7pm at the Inn with the Well.** Please do join us if you can- the more support the better and we always love to see some new faces.

Plant with me



We will be holding our annual 'Plant with Me' event on Wednesday 1st May, you are invited to stay for an hour after circle time and help us to plant up our planters for the summer terms.

Please can you donate small bedding plants such as pansies or violas for the children to plant during this event. Herbs such as mint, lavender, basil etc would be lovely too as these add an extra sensory experience for the children. All plants to be in Pre-school by the morning of Wednesday 1st May. If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday you are both still welcome to join us, please arrive at Pre-school for 9.20am.

Parents' lunch

You are invited to share our lunch hour with your child on Wednesday 15th May 12-1pm.

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

If your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday 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.

Summer term at Little Dragons

Although it really doesn't seem like it right now, we do anticipate some hot weather this term! Please help us and your child enjoy these times as much as possible by:



- Applying sunscreen before you leave your child in the morning - you can put cream in their bags and we will reapply if we feel the need, but it is far less time consuming for everyone if they have cream on when they arrive.
- Provide your child with a sunhat and suitable outdoor footwear for running around the garden- flip-flops are not suitable.
- Indoor shoes are still needed as their outdoor shoes still get wet and sandy throughout the summer.
- It can start chilly in our bit of garden- even if it's really hot, do provide a layer even on the hottest of days.
- Make sure your child's spare clothes are suitable in their bags- not a thick winter fleece and lined trousers!
- Provide your child with a drink of water every day and maybe an extra drink of juice in their lunch box. Please place an ice pack in your child's lunchbox.

Little Dragons is 40yrs old!

Little Dragons Pre-school turns 40 yrs old this year!

We will be celebrating in many different ways but save and share the date - **Saturday 29th June 11am-2pm**. We will be holding a family fun day and would love for you to all be there- invite family and friends and any ex-Pre-school children and families you know! Share the poster attached to the email- make it the most important date in your diary this year!!!

Dates to remember:

- ★ Monday 15th April- First day of term 5
- ★ Tuesday 30th April- Friends of Little Dragons meeting
- ★ Wednesday 1st May- plant with me event 9.30-10.30am
- ★ Thursday 2nd May- TDDAY Pre-School closed to all children.
- ★ Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- ★ Wednesday 15th May- parents lunch.
- ★ Friday 24th May- Last day of term 5
- ★ Monday 27th- Friday 31st May- Half Term
- ★ Monday 3rd June- First day of term 6
- ★ Saturday 29th June- 40th celebrations family fun day- SAVE THE DATE

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

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Friday 14th June 2024