

Little Dragons'

Newsletter February 2024



What are we doing? We have been learning about winter, looking at 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 bubbles. Some of the children's latest interests have been making picnics for their teddies and dolls and making buses and trains with ALL the chairs! As we go into the next few weeks we will explore other celebrations/events including Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year- taking part in lots of fun activities- playing with rice and noodles, painting, sticking and mark making.



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.



AGM: We will be holding our **AGM on Wednesday 21st February 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.

Safeguarding

Please could we remind you that, in line with our policy, mobile phones shouldn't be used when in the setting with the children. This is to protect our children and yourselves- any questions please do ask a member of staff.

Could your business help our Pre-school?

In the past parents/extended family members have been able to support our events through their business by match funding our fundraising events.

If you think this is something your workplace would be interested in supporting please let us know- thank you. 😊

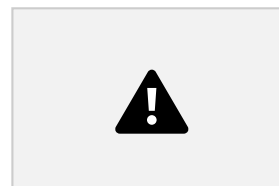
Parents' lunch

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.



Friends of Little Dragons- zoom gathering

Our next get together will be on **Wednesday 28th February 8pm on zoom.**

Please do join us if you can- the more support the better and we always love to see some new faces.

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



Bag2school 21st 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 21st February. You can drop your bags with the school from Tuesday morning on 20th February. So get rummaging over half term and help us have a really good collection!

Teddy Bears and Hot Chocolate!

We are planning a fun fundraising event on **Wednesday 28th February from 2-3pm.** Come and join us, for a donation to Little Dragons, to make teddy masks, decorate teddy biscuits and read teddy stories. We will finish the session with hot chocolate!

All families welcome, children in session will automatically take part, if you are unable to join them and wish to make a donation to this event you can pay by bacs or cash. All proceeds will go towards fundraising for Pre-school.

If your child is not normally in session at this time you are both welcome to join us from 2pm (these children must be accompanied by an adult). Donations can be made in the same way.

World Book Day

World Book Day 2024 is on Thursday 7th March. Children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure. *'Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved.'* www.worldbookday.com

All children are invited to dress as their favourite book character any day (or every day) **throughout the week 4th-8th March.**

We would love all the Thursday children to join us dressing up or wearing a prop linked to their favourite character on 7th March.

Join us for storytime

If any parents/carers would like to join us for storytime throughout this week 4th-8th March, either to sit and listen with your child or read the children a story we would love that. You are invited to join us any day between 11.45am-12pm or 2.45pm and 3pm.



Quote of the month!

The children were playing in the house, another child called one of them to help, she said "no I can't come I'm busy" another child said "no she can't come she's too buzzy".



We were chatting about birds in the garden and one child was telling Kate he'd seen blue tits in his garden and they were 'tit, tit, titting' around his grass.

Dates to remember:

- ★ Monday 5th February - Parents' lunch
- ★ Friday 9th February - Last day of term 3- Half term
- ★ Monday 19th February - **Teacher training day - no children in Pre-school on this day**
- ★ Tuesday 20th February - First day of term 4
- ★ Wednesday 21st February- Bag2school
- ★ Wednesday 21st February- Friends of Little Dragons meeting
- ★ Wednesday 28th February - Teddy bears picnic
- ★ Monday 4th- Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations
- ★ Thursday 28th March- Easter party 3.30pm **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