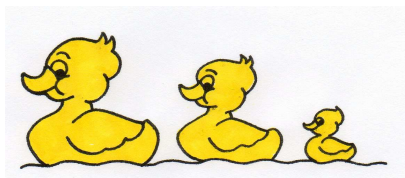


Child's name:

Key person:



Little Ducks Pre-school

Summer 2016 Newsletter

Term dates: Monday 11 April - Friday 15 July

Half term: w/c 30 May

Closed: Mon 2 May - Bank Holiday, Weds 27 April - day trip, Fri 15th July - afternoon only for leavers party

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Welcome to the summer term!

Some dates for your diary.....

Wednesday 27th April - Trip to Barleylands

Pre-school will be closed on this date as we will be going to Barleylands Farm Centre. Please see separate note with full details of how to book your place.

Tuesday 7th June - Photos

The photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 7th June from 9.15am. We would love any children who do not usually attend on Tuesdays to pop in to be included in the group photo and he will also be taking pictures of the leavers in cap and gown! (nearly time for the tissues!!)

Saturday 11th June - Open day

Those who came along enjoyed last years open day so we will follow the same format this year. It is a chance for families to see the variety of activities available during a normal session and look at their children's folders. We hope many of you will be able to join us from 2-4pm on Saturday 11th June. Flyers will be available nearer the time to pass on to friends who may want to take this opportunity to come and see the pre-school.

Friday 8th July - Sports Day

Sports Day will start from 11.30am and children who do not attend on Fridays can join us at that time to join in the fun. Families and friends are invited to come along and cheer on our little athletes and stay for a picnic afterwards until 1pm. Children who stay for the afternoon on Fridays should bring their lunch boxes as usual and can eat with staff if parents are not present.

Friday 15th July - Leavers party and presentation

As we have so many children leaving us in July we have decided to invite them all in for a party from 12.30-2pm on Friday 15th July. Parents are invited to join us from 1.40 for the presentations. If your child cannot attend on this afternoon we will be happy to arrange another date for their presentation.

Payment of Fees

Parents are reminded that fees for the term are due for payment in the first 2 weeks of that term unless you have agreed an alternative arrangement with Michelle. Chasing outstanding fees is becoming an onerous task and is not one we enjoy. We value our relationship with our children's families so your cooperation in paying promptly is appreciated. If fees are still outstanding at the end of term sessions may have to be reduced as there are children on the waiting list who would like those places.

Belongings brought into Pre-school

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly named. Bags should only contain things which may be needed during the session like shoes, comforters and it is always a good idea to have a change of clothes. Please ensure that there are no items like small toys, coins and food. Please hang bags on top hooks as indicated and bring coats into hall and hang on mobile coat rack. Outdoor shoes should be left in baskets under coats. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible with coats and shoes so please ensure they have fastenings that they can try themselves - no laces please!

Lunch boxes

Please ensure they are clearly named and items provided are ready for your child to eat. We ask that small items like cherry tomatoes and grapes are cut in half to avoid choking hazards.

Sunny Days and Outdoor play

Now that summer is approaching (!) please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied if necessary and has a named sun hat - they will not be allowed in the garden without one so we do have a bag of spares too.

Learning Journeys

Your children's folders containing their learning journeys are updated by your key person regularly and are available for parents to see anytime. We share them with the children during the session and they love to look back at their photographs and tell us what they were doing.

Hometime

Afternoon sessions are very busy and there are more children staying than leaving at 12.15pm. We would appreciate it if parents could be prompt when collecting children and departing the premises so those children staying can wash their hands and start their lunch as soon as possible.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please note that revised NHS guidelines state that children should be 48 hours clear of last bout of sickness or diarrhoea before returning to school so our policy has been amended accordingly.

Remember.....we welcome your involvement.....

NEWS TREE - Put a note on our tree so your child can share their news from home at circle time.

LETTER OF THE WEEK - bring in items for our basket to help children learn the phonic sounds. You will notice our letters this term are not following the alphabet but the order which phonics is taught in schools. More info to follow from Sarah soon.

PARENTS SHARING IDEAS - come in to share a story with the children, help at an activity or suggest an activity your child enjoys at home.

EQUALITY WORKING GROUP - The group is made up of staff, parents and ex-parents and grandparents. We meet once a term to discuss how we can continue to make Little Ducks an inclusive setting and we welcome your ideas or involvement in the group.

Telephone numbers

If you should need to contact us please try to do so from 8.30 am - 3pm on the Scout HQ landline which is 01277-234346. Only use Michelle's mobile number (07717 844224) if it is urgent that you speak to us out of hours or during holidays. Other staff should not be contacted on their mobile numbers.

Regards, The Little Ducks team