



Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Welcome back, Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We have had a busy start to the new year with a few new children and staff- we would like to welcome all our new families and we hope you are settling in well.

Autumn Term Dates for your Diary.....

| DATE | ROOM | EVENT | INFO |
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| Tuesday 5 th February | All rooms | Chinese New Year | Children will be celebrating with craft and role play and trying Chinese foods |
| Thursday 14 th February | All rooms | Valentine's Day Dress Up | Children will be doing Valentines craft and are invited to wear RED. |
| Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February | All rooms | Half Term | Holiday Club Open Term time Children absent |
| Tuesday 5 th March | All rooms | Pancake Day | Children will be making and tasting pancakes |
| Thursday 7 th March | All rooms | World Book Day | Children are invited to dress up in their favourite book character |
| Friday 29 th March | All rooms | Mother's Day Tea | The children's Mummies or Grand-mummies are invited to join us for afternoon tea at 4pm (1 person per child) |
| Monday 15 th - Friday 26 th April | All rooms | Easter Holidays | Holiday Club open Term time children absent |
| Friday 19 th April | All rooms | Good Friday | NURSERY CLOSED |
| Monday 22 nd April | All rooms | Easter Monday | NURSERY CLOSED |

Staff team news-

We have few changes to the current staff team. . .

Chelsea, our apprentice has been placed in the Saplings Department where she is now key worker.



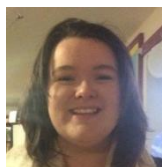
Jess, also an apprentice has joined the Upper Seedlings Team and is enjoying having her first key children.

Back in September, we welcomed Tracy Jones to the Little Blossoms Team. She is now Head of Department in Upper Seedlings and the room is running smoothly!



As Emily from Baby room will soon be leaving to commence her Maternity Leave, we have appointed Sam Buxton as the new room leader and she is settling in well!

Gemma has joined us this term in Pippins Pears- welcome to the Team!



We are sad to say that we will be saying Goodbye to Elaine from Pippins Pears who is taking on a new challenge in a Day centre- we wish her lots of luck in her new journey!

Some fantastic News-

We would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Siddhra, who had her little boy 'Binnyameen' on Sunday 25th November. We can not wait for snuggles!!



We would like to say a massive congratulations to Amy in Pippins Pears who is expecting her first baby in May! She will be going on maternity in April sometime and we wish her all the luck in the world becoming a new mummy!



A Few Reminders:

- Please keep a check on your child's waterproofs if they are kept at nursery- some need to go home for a good wash!
- There continues to be traffic lights over Upton Bridge which can cause delays, please take this into account on your journey to Nursery to ensure your child is collected by the session end time- late charges will apply.
- All of our Under 3's rooms are No Shoe Zones- it would be helpful if your child had a pair of slippers to wear indoors- in the event of a fire drill this is more beneficial!
- Please ensure your children have appropriate clothing for the cold weather- hat, gloves, thick coat, thick socks, wellies and waterproofs, for all their sessions please.
- We love to see what the children get up to at the Weekends- please feel free to add anything onto their Tapestry account so we can extend their learning.
- We will be looking at introducing 'The Curiosity Approach' into all departments and will be looking for authentic 'nick nacks' to set up some new play areas. If you have anything unwanted that you think children may like to explore, we would love to take them off your hands. See photos below...



News from the Departments:

Seedlings: We would like to welcome all the new babies that have started with us this term, they are settling in well and exploring the room. We have been getting messy with cornflake play and a firm favourite is the small world farm animals- we will have plenty of visits to the farm to see the real animals! Can we ask that all children have a warm all-in-one for outdoor exploring in the cold weather.

Upper Seedlings: Winter wonderland has arrived in Little Todds. We have made our own icicles and added them to cornflour to create a winter messy tray- the children loved exploring this! We have some colour matching activities ready and we will be exploring the outdoor environment down at the farm.

Saplings: Welcome to the new year! We have some new children moving into Saplings this month, so we will be supporting them with the move, so they feel settled and happy. There will be lots of play experiences indoors and out. We are learning about Winter and we have started with some ice play in our messy area. The children are learning about items of clothing that we wear in Winter and encouraging self-care skills, putting on their own hats, gloves, wellies etc.

Pippins Pears: We have kick started the term with our new topic which is 'SPACE'. The children will be exploring planets and spacemen in the water tray, building rockets in junk modelling and using their imaginations in the new role play area- this has been based on the story 'Whatever Next' so if you have this at home then they probably know it off by heart! Children will be involved in Drama sessions around the topic, and the children will take part in cooking 'rock' cakes. We will continue to support the children's independence skills by encouraging them to do things for themselves such as dressing, putting on shoes and coats.

Pippins Apples: We would like to welcome all the new children who have joined us in Apples this term! We have started off by looking at all things 'Winter'- we will be investigating the changes in weather in the outdoors and talking about what to wear to keep us warm- please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing to support us with this. We will then move on to 'People Who Help us' where we will be visited by a dental nurse who can support us in good tooth brushing! We will continue Forest School and Multi-skills sessions every week- look out for posts on Tapestry which will inform you of the Sound of The Week.

Orchard Explorers: The new year holiday club was a great success and the next half term will be February- you can see that activity planner on our website or facebook page. Children have been enjoying the mud kitchen outside, and the Wii game inside! If anyone has any old saucepans and utensils for our mud kitchen, or any old unused Wii games then we would be grateful for them in club!

FARM NEWS



Some of you may already be aware, we now have a farm shop open in Cropthorne- 'Clive's of Cropthorne' is located at The Heath, Cropthorne and stocks delicious fresh vegetables as well as a selection of meats in the butchery. Come along and try something from our delicious farm café- there's even a park to keep the little ones entertained.



Many thanks for your continued support, The Little Blossoms Team x