



Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to the new Term, we hope you had a brilliant summer!! Here are some dates for your Diary:

Thursday 28 th September	Breakfast at Blossoms, 8-9am	Please join us and raise money for Macmillan Cancer support!
9 th -13 th October	Kindness Week	Children will join in with activities every day about Kindness in line with guidelines from NDNA
Tuesday 10 th October	Walk to Boynes, 2pm	Pippins Pears and Apples will walk to the Boynes and deliver cakes they have baked and sing some songs. For children who attend this day only.
Thursday 12 th October	Photo Day, from 10am	All children invited to come along and have their photo taken professionally
23 rd -27 th October	Half Term	Holiday Club Orchard Explorers Open for school children.
Tuesday 31 st October	Halloween Party and dress up	Children are invited to dress up and a party tea is provided. For children who attend this day only
Monday 4 th December	Pippins nativity, 5.15pm	Pears and apples to perform their Nativity to parents, tickets available from the office in November, limited 2 per family
Tuesday 5 th December	Pippins nativity, 10.30am	Pears and apples to perform their Nativity to parents, tickets available from the office in November, limited 2 per family
Tuesday 12 th December	Under 2's Christmas Party, 3-5pm	Under 2's children are invited to dress up and join in with party games and a visit from Father Christmas! All Children invited
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Children will be festive at lunch time with their roast dinner and crackers! For children who attend this day only
Monday 18 th December	Pippins Christmas Party, 3-5pm	Children are invited to dress up and join in with party games and a visit from Father Christmas! All Children invited
Tuesday 19 th December	Saplings Christmas Party, 3-5pm	Saplings children are invited to dress up and join in with party games and a visit from Father Christmas! All Children invited
Thursday 21 st December	Orchard Explorers Christmas Party	Holiday Club children are invited to dress up and join in with party games and a visit from Father Christmas! For children who attend this day only
18 th -22 nd December	Christmas Fancy Dress week	Staff and Children invited to come in Festive fancy dress or jumpers for the week
Friday 22 nd December	Nursery closes at 6pm	
Tuesday 2 nd January	Nursery re-opens	

New Pippins Apples and Pears-

For those who don't already know, we have recently split the pre-school room Pippins into two groups to allow parents to increase their children's sessions and to make space for new children now that the 30 hours funded childcare is available here at Little Blossoms.

The 2 rooms are called Apples and Pears. Children will move up to one of the two pre-school rooms from Saplings around their 3rd birthday, and will stay in the pre-school until they go to school. Which room they go in will depend on days and friendship groups- we will ensure they are suited to the room and they both you and your child are settled in gradually. Welcome packs will be provided as well as the usual settle sessions and a tour of the room to meet the new key person.



New staff

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to the team-



Georgia Randall is a new member of the Saplings team and has settled in well!

Sophie Vick has also joined the Saplings team and is forming great bonds with the children.



Alice Collier-Smith is a new member of the Baby room team- she has picked up routines and is doing well.

Emily Price has recently joined us in the new Apples Pre-school room and is keen to learn the ropes!



Julie Martin has joined the kitchen team and is enjoying spending time also in the rooms with the children.

Staff Changes

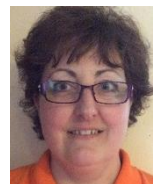
We have some changes in the current staffing of the nursery:

Kira who has worked around all departments has now taken a full-time position in the new Pears Pre-school room.



Natalie has taken on the role of Room Leader in the Upper Seedlings department and we are currently recruiting for more staff for this room

Elva has moved in to work with Tracey in the Kitchen during the mornings, therefore Kath has moved out of the kitchen to be dinner lady in the new Apples room.



Paige will soon be leaving us to have her baby boy- we wish her good luck and we look forward to meeting little man!

Students

We have 2 new students with us this term- feel free to say hello!

Chloe will be working in all areas of the nursery but is currently based in the Little Toddler room. **Lizzie** is in the Pears Pre-school room every Thursday and Friday until next February.

News from the Departments:

Seedlings: There are lots of new babies settling at the moment and we would like to welcome all our new families.

Upper Seedlings: Autumn will be the next topic in the Little Toddler department and we will be exploring the changes in the outdoor environment every day.

Saplings: We will also be looking at Autumn, collecting leaves and baking Hedgehog bread! Our role play will be 'Big Toddlers Café' - the children will be making cakes out of sponges and we may even use some real food yum yum!

Pippins Pears: We have been learning lots about Dinosaurs this term and so far the children have loved the activities! We have learned some new dinosaur songs which we are going to sing to the residents at the Boynes in a couple of weeks.

Pippins Apples: The children have enjoyed taking part in activities about our topic based on the book 'See You Later, Alligator'. We have been going on lots of listening walks and getting used to our lovely new room!

Orchard Explorers: October Half Term planning is now done and you should have received a copy of this last week. Please email or see a member of the Nursery Office team to book.

The After-school children have settled into their new room, they have even said they prefer it to the old one which is great! We are currently having the building extended to make a messy room and add toilets on to save the children going to the main building.

An Activity to try at home

Apple Prints

Instead of potato printing with your kids, why not try your hand at these apple prints? Experiment with different types of apple and you might find some surprises: did you know that in some apples a star shape is formed when you cut through the centre of the apple perpendicular to the core?



Many thanks for your continual support- The Little Blossoms Team