

Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018



Dates for your Diary

Date	Room	Event
Monday 10 th Sept	All rooms	Term Begins Funding applied from today, term time children to return to nursery this week
Monday 17 th -21 st Sept	All rooms	Pyjama Week! To raise money for local children's charity Crackerjacks, all children are invited to wear their pyjamas on any day they attend this week, and make a donation please!
Monday 1 st -Friday 5 th October	All Rooms	Harvest Festival Week. Harvest Craft, cooking and other activities
Friday 19 th October	All Rooms	Wear it Pink! Children invited to wear pink in support of Breast Cancer awareness. Please donate!
Thursday 25 th October	All Rooms	Photo Day All children invited to have their photo taken by K-North photography. See letter for further details.
Monday 29 th Oct- Fri 2 nd Nov	Orchard Explorers	Half Term Holiday Club Open this week. Term time children absent this week.
Wednesday 31 st October	All room	Halloween! Spooky craft and cooking, fancy dress and a party tea!
Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th December	Pippins Apples and Pears	Nativity! Letter with more detail to follow
Tuesday 11 th December	Pippins Apples and Pears	Christmas Party Fancy dress, games and party food!
Thursday 13 th December	Saplings (Big Tods)	Christmas Party Fancy dress, games and party food!
Monday 17 th December	Seedlings (Babies and Little Tods)	Christmas Party Fancy dress, games and party food!
Friday 21 st December	All Rooms	Last day of Nursery 2018
Wednesday 2 nd January	All Rooms	Nursery re-opens

Staff goodbyes

We have now said goodbye to Danny who has been working in the Pippins Pears department since December- he has gone to Cheltenham University to do his teacher training and we wish him all the luck in the world!



Katie from Saplings is relocating and therefore is leaving us this week- we are so sad to see her go, but hope she enjoys her new Nursery and new home!

Alice from the Baby room has decided to take some time away to travel! She will be leaving us also this week and is heading to Bali to teach English, and then on to Australia! We can not wait to hear of your adventures when you come back!



Baby news



Congratulations to Siddhra in Saplings who is over half way through her pregnancy now, baby will be here by Christmas so not long to go now!

Emily from the baby room has also announced that she is expecting next March. Congratulations to you!!



New Staff roles-



As we are saying goodbye to Katie the room leader in Saplings, we would like to congratulate Kate who will be stepping up to the position! Kate has worked in the Saplings room for over a year now so knows the children and routine very well, I am sure you will agree she will do a fab job.

A few reminders....

- * Please ensure all children have spare clothes in a bag on their peg- include some layers with colder weather coming!
- * All children in the Under 3's departments would benefit from slippers for indoor shoes now it is a bit cooler. Ensure they are Named!
- * All children require Wellies and waterproofs and a warm coat (ALL NAMED) so that they can join in with all outdoor activities we provide daily!
- * Please return the 'Update of Contact' form with a photo of your child on- we need to ensure we have the correct info in case of an emergency.
- * Can we please remind you that payment of your invoice is due 7 days from receipt of the email. Late payments will incur a 10% charge.
- * Don't forget to log into your Tapestry account to check out what your children have been up to over the term- we love to see your contributions to Tapestry too so please add on any pics you take of your children having fun!

News from the Departments:

Seedlings (Baby Room)- babies will be looking at all things 'Autumn' this term, exploring fallen leaves in the outdoors and changes in the environment. We are going to be slowly transforming the room to reduce the plastic toys and have more natural resources. Treasure baskets are a great way for babies to explore different textures. If you have any items that could be added to a treasure basket please feel free to contribute!

Upper Seedlings (Little Todds)- Our Topic is Jungle with a new Jungle themed role play area. Children will learn about what animals live in the jungle, what they look like and what noises they make! Feel free to join in at home with this too!

Saplings (Big Todds)- Children will be exploring 'Autumn' where they will be exploring the changing environment in the outdoors, collecting leaves in the Orchards and getting crafty with these! Our new role play area has a 'Healthy Café' so we will be looking at foods that are healthy, and foods that we only have a 'small amount' of. Children are showing lots of interest in the trains and cars so we will continue to explore these along with other forms of transport.

Pippins Pears- Children have been showing a strong interest in 'People Who Help Us' therefore this is our topic for the Autumn Term. The room has been transformed with a Post Office role play area, and a new construction area. The cosy book area has been moved and we are encouraging children to look after the books as well as respect all the other toys in the room- we would appreciate your support with this by talking to your children at home too.

Outdoors the children have been playing in the fire station and have loved the new Wendy House. We will continue with the gardening patch, and the mud kitchen as a firm favourite!

Please ensure your child brings the following items to each session they attend –

-A spare outfit -Water bottle -Wellies -Waterproofs (trousers and coat)

In colder weather please ensure children also have extra layers, gloves, hat and a warm coat.

Pippins Apples- This terms new topic is Dinosaurs, which is a firm favourite for many of the children. The room has been transformed with a Dino Land area and a dinosaur museum! We have some new tables in the room, and we are working on the outdoors to create more play areas. All children have a labelled peg and drawer and can sign themselves in in the morning by putting their apple on the tree!

Please ensure your child has named wellies and waterproofs for each session they attend, many thanks.

Orchard Explorers- Our room has had a bit of a tidy and re-vamp after the Summer Holiday Club- with some new seating in the quiet are, a new 'Homework Area' and some new resources for both boys and girls. We look forward to welcoming the new children to After School Club. The Activity Planner for October Half Term will be out via email soon! If possible, it would be great if children could keep some wellies and waterproofs here at Club to allow them to go out in all weathers without getting uniform too muddy! Many thanks.



Little Blossoms Term dates- 2018/2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Period</u>
Monday 10 th September- Friday 26 th October	Autumn Term 1
Monday 29th October- Friday 2nd November	Half Term
Monday 5 th November- Friday 21 st December	Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 2nd January	Nursery re-opens for children who attend all year round
Monday 7 th January- Friday 15 th Feb	Spring Term 1
Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd Feb	Half Term
Monday 25 th Feb- Friday 12 th April	Spring Term 2
Monday 15th April- Friday 27th April (19th and 22nd Bank Holidays)	Easter
Monday 29 th April- Friday 24 th May	Summer Term 1
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 28th May- Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June- Friday 20 th July	Summer Term 2
Monday 22nd July- Friday 6th September Monday 26th Aug Bank Holiday	Summer Holidays

All dates in Bold are when Term Time children will be absent- If you have chosen a 'Term time only' place then your child's space will not be available on these dates.

Nursery will be CLOSED on All bank holidays.

Many thanks for your continued support- The Little Blossoms Team.