

Little Acorns Newsletter

1st October 2019

Dates for Your Diary 2019

Here are the coming term dates which are inclusive.

Autumn Term 1st half — 4th Sept—25th Oct 19

Oct Half Term Holiday — 26th Oct 19—3rd Nov 19

Autumn Term 2nd half—4th Nov 19—20th Dec 19

Christmas Holiday — 21st Dec 19—5th Jan 2020

Spring Term 1st Half —6th Jan 2020

Please let us know when you want to finish for Christmas, if you want to stick to differing holiday dates that's fine at no extra cost to you.

We have a training day on Friday 7th Feb 2020, so we will be closed on that day.

Bags of fun!

Thank you for continuing to support your children with their spare clothes, helpful snacks and special small toys, it helps them considerably over the day with all its ups and downs! We are limited with space, so it is also helpful when you provide a small rucksack or hanging bag which fits on the pegs and packed lunch boxes that fit into bags. It really helps Annie if she needs to carry bags at pick up time too. When ever we leave the building we take our first aid kit and emergency items in addition to any other bags, packed lunch boxes and belongings. If children can manage their own bags at this point it is much safer. Our priority at pick up time is to be able to hold the childrens' hands so Annie appreciates a 'hands free' approach wherever possible!

Early doors!

It is lovely when parents are able to pick up early so if you think you will need to be early to pick up, please drop us a message so that we can prep the children as to the order of visitors at the door. They get so excited at pick up time anticipating their parent at the door. It is tricky if the visitor is someone else's parent! If we know in advance we can explain it to them and use a Now Next Then approach for any children still here. Likewise if you think you are going to be late it is really helpful if you give us a brief warning, we can provide a distraction for them and normalise their home time.

Comments...

Thankyou so much for your helpful comments in your daily books, we really appreciate you taking the time to fill us in with updates regarding your child's achievements and milestones. We update our records with your observations and it really helps us as we track their progress. It is particularly helpful after holidays and breaks when we may not see your child for a while. At other times please feel free to comment on anything important or exciting that you see your child do. Thank you for any photos that you add to your group too, we love to be able to share in a few special moments where appropriate.

Going Spare...

We obviously get through quite a few changes of clothes over the day and we try very hard to send home only clean clothes where we can, although it is not always possible. If we know we won't see you for a while we will bag up clothes and send them home. We have a set of LA's extras but will always welcome any donations!

Children In Need...

We will celebrate Children In Need over the week beginning 11th November so that all children can join in at some point. Feel free to wear your special ears! We will take the time over the week to think about others, age appropriately, and the challenges they might face, through stories, images and toys.

Autumn Term Plans!

We will be encouraging the children to notice the changes in the trees, leaves and animals this Autumn and Winter, looking at colours, sorting, printing and painting making the most of the loss of light over the coming months. Berries, fruit, seeds, conkers and acorns will give us the opportunity to count and sort. Enjoying the changing weather and the clothes that we have to wear in order to keep dry and warm we will explore wind chimes, kites and windmills, along with puddles and umbrellas. We will be extending our small world play exploring transportation, cars, trucks, lorries and transporters, as well as ferries, planes and trains. We will also think about different kinds of movement, over, under, around, between and through. Then it will be our Christmas focus, with countdowns (linked to Advent), calendars, cards and Christmas characters!

We adapt our provision to include children at different ages and stages of development and continue to explore colours, shapes and sizes, sounds, letters and sounds, counting, numbers and measures, music and rhymes.