

Little Acorns Newsletter

Dates for Your Diary 2019

At little Acorns we generally work term time, working with the school term dates. These are the dates for your diary and they are inclusive.

Bank Holiday Mon — 6th May

Spring Holiday — 27th—31st May

Summer Holiday —29th July—30th August

Autumn Term Start — Wed 4th Sept

We will work a few extra days at the end of July as you can see, but if you want to stick to school holiday dates that's fine at no extra cost to you.

Comments and questionnaires!

We will be gathering updated information about food likes and dislikes, and our provision using some questionnaires. Thank you for taking time to complete these as it helps to keep up to date with any changes.

Also, please feel free to write/stick into your child's daily book any helpful and fun observations, as their interests change or develop. It helps us to work together to track their outcomes and adapt our provision to meet their developing needs.

We welcome a new child this week to the growing LA family.

Good weather at Last!

As we are just beginning to enjoy some better weather journeying through spring towards summer, we will be ensuring that the children are protected from the effects of the sun. We will be playing and learning outside in the woodlands, in the garden and on the patio area. We will continue to use wellies for water/muddy play. We do have a range of rather funky sun hats at LAs which the children can use over the day, but if you prefer to send one that is fine. We also encourage water drinking from sipping cups, cups and bottles which we provide over the day.

On joining us you would have signed a permission for us to use sun creams, or discussed this with us if you haven't. So in preparation for the sun...

- Apply sun cream before coming and pop a cream in their bag for re-application
- Provide a sun hat if you want them to use their own (named)
- Provide a water/bottle if you would prefer them to use their own.
- Dress your child in cool but covering clothes—like cool t-shirt/sun dresses that cover shoulders.
- Short/sandals/sundresses are all fine, but it will be a good idea to provide spare leggings in their bag in case we go to the woods. This will help to protect legs from nettles and stings. They can be slipped on under dresses.

Summer Term Plans!

We will be looking out for the frogs, newts and toads and learning about how to look after creatures and respect growing things. It's a great opportunity to immerse ourselves in the seasons and notice the changes using our senses—the bluebell trail looks and smells amazing! There will be opportunities to plant seeds, watch them grow and be gardeners. We want to grow fruit and vegetables, and to look after the growing seedlings. We hope too, that we will be able to eat whatever we manage to grow! Just like Oliver in 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We will be looking for and gathering mini beasts and making some homes for them. This will help the children to respect not only the living creatures, but understand a bit more about their natural habitats and how we can protect them. We will be looking at lots of different ways to represent flowers and making marks. We will be celebrating Father's Day and learning about how families of different cultures come together to have special meals. We make provision in all activities for the all of the children, so that they can all take part. We will continue to explore colours, shapes and sizes, sounds, letters and sounds, counting and numbers.