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Little Drummers Pre-School

January 2024

**Important Dates:**

**Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February:** Half Term

**Wednesday 27th March:** AM Normal session 9-12- NO lunch club.

PM- 1pm Easter Bonnet, tea, and cake

**Thursday 28th March:** Inset Day

**Friday 29th March:** Bank holiday

**Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April:** Easter Holidays

**Monday 15th April:** 1st day of term

**Wednesday 1st May:** Photographer

**Thursday 2nd May:** Closed for voting

**Monday 6th May:** Bank Holiday

**Week Commencing 20th May:** Wellbeing week.

**Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May:** Half Term

**Wednesday 5th June:** Inset day

**Friday 28th June:** School Trip and Sports Day **(pre-school closed)**

**Friday 19th July:** AM 9-12 Normal session- NO lunch club.

PM: 1-2.30 end of year party

**Monday 22nd July:** Leavers Ceremony

**Tuesday 23rd July:** Inset day

***Please note these dates are subject to change. More information will follow.***

Hello, and welcome back after the break, we hope you had a wonderful time. I cannot believe it is 2024 already. The last term went very quickly. I am sure you will all agree the children did a fabulous job in their Nativity. We are all very proud of them.

We are looking forward to seeing what the Spring term has to offer.

**Fundraising**

Thank you to all those who supported us at our Christmas Fayre. We raised £344.19p.

As a charity-based pre-school we rely on fundraising events, if anyone has any ideas for future events please speak to the committee.

We will soon be introducing a “donation tree”. On this will be items that the staff feel the children would benefit from e.g. barbies and clothes.

Thank you for all your current and future support.

**September 2024:** If your child is due to start school in September, please make sure you have your application completed by 15th January.

I will soon be sending an email out regarding your child’s hours for September at Little Drummers. Could you please confirm what hours you would like, including any changes, by half term. After this date I will be opening the books to other families, and I may not be able to guarantee the hours you require.

Thank you.

**Important dates:** Our important dates are listed to the left of the newsletter; these will be updated each time a newsletter is sent home. Please note we have provided all the dates for the year; these are subject to change. Some dates maybe be unexpected such as closure for unforeseen circumstances, if this happens, we will give you as much notice as possible. For events we will send more information, nearer the time.

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**Pre-school contact details:**

Telephone: **07971647019** or **02381784187**

Email: [littledrummerspre-school@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:littledrummerspre-school@hotmail.co.uk)

**Staff Team:**

Kirsty S: Manager (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Kirsty C: Deputy Manager (SENDCo)

Barbara: Third in Charge

Angela: Key Person (Fire Marshal)

Debbie: Finance and administrative manager (Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead)

Sarah: Key Person (First Aid Lead)

**Committee:** Thank you to everyone who attended our recent coffee morning and AGM. It was lovely to meet you all. As I am sure you are all aware, without the committee we would not have the pre-school, we are all very grateful for their hard work. If you are interested in joining the committee, or would like to help, please speak to either Kirsty S and Kirsty C or our chair Emma.

Committee members

Chairperson- Emma Brisley

Treasurer- Gemma Gardner

Secretary- Megan Forbes

Jonny

Katie

Kerry

Adrian

Sophie

Kirsty S

**Correspondence:** Just a reminder that all our correspondence goes out via Tapestry. Newsletter, invoices, and event information will all go out via a memo. Any documents you may need will be in the document section. If you are unsure how to navigate Tapestry, please come and see Kirsty or Kirsty.

**Social Media:** Little Drummers has a Facebook and Instagram page. Please look! This is an easy way for us to keep parents up to date as well as reminding you of what is coming up.

**Fees:** if you have any questions about fees, you can contact Debbie at: [littledrummersdebbie@gmail.com](mailto:littledrummersdebbie@gmail.com)

**Grant Forms:** Grant forms will be signed on a termly basis, if your child’s claim changes within this period, we will ask you to sign an updated form.

**Uniform:** if you would like to order uniform for your children please do speak to a member of staff. We have Little Drummers jumpers, zoodies and t-shirts available………

**Reminders:**

Please ensure your children’s clothes are **clearly labelled** including coats and hats for outside. We do have a lot of coats and jumpers floating around and we do not always know who they belong to.

Please provide a **named** water bottle and lunch box with a separate drink. If you are putting a yoghurt in your child’s lunch box, please ensure you include a spoon.

We will write your child’s name on their belongings if they come in unnamed.

**Little Drummers will not hold any responsibility for personal belongings that are lost/misplaced if they have not been clearly named.**

Please make sure you provide what is needed for your child’s day, for example, change of clothes, nappies, and wipes.

**Thank You**