



Early Autumn Term 2018

Newsletter

We have finished our first half term back after the summer holidays and it has been a very busy one! The children have settled back in lovely into the preschool and toddler room and we are so pleased with their progress!

I have added some information below regarding this half term and next half term. Please take a few moments to have a look through.

Winter Weather

As the weather is beginning to get colder, we are reminding parents to please send your child in suitable clothes. The children will continue to spend lots of time outside and so will need suitable coats, hats, gloves, scarves and wellies. Please ensure these are all labelled with your child's name. Additionally, please could parents ensure their children come to preschool with spare clothes. As you know we get very messy and it is handy to have a change of clothes when needed. Preschool have some spare clothes, but these are limited!

Staffing Changes

Rachael will be leaving to start her maternity leave on Friday 21st December. We wish her all the best with the birth of her baby girl!

Holly Lythe will be covering Rachael's maternity leave, moving from part time work to full time work in the toddler room. Where there will be changes in key persons the toddler room staff will keep those parents affected updated.

Additionally, I wanted to inform everyone that I will be going on maternity leave around February half term! I will keep you informed of any staffing changes surrounding this when as I can and with minimal disruption to daily preschool life!

School Applications

For those children who will be starting 'big school' next September we have already begun sending out the relevant information on how to apply. If you haven't received a letter please and your child will be going to school next year, please inform a member of staff.

The deadline for applying for your school place online is 15th January. This feels like ages away, but once Christmas comes around it is easily forgotten. It only takes a few minutes to complete online.

If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

Invoices

I have sent out the invoices this week for Late Autumn Term 2018. If you have not yet received this please let me know. All invoices are due on your child's first session back after the half term. Details of how to pay are located on the bottom of your invoice.

If you have any queries regarding your invoice please don't hesitate to contact me.

Spring Term Hours/ Funded hours

I have sent out the booking confirmation form for January hours this week. Please fill these in to either confirm your child's hours will remain the same in January or which hours you would like to change to. If we have already discussed these, then reflect the agreed hours in this booking confirmation.

The deadline to change your hours in January is **Friday 9th November**. As we need this information to arrange staffing, rotas and spaces.

If you think you will be eligible for the 30 hours funding (extended entitlement) in January please speak to me asap.

Those who already receive the extended entitlement please ensure you keep reconfirming your codes.

Those who will begin receiving their 15 universal funded hours just need to reflect this in the booking confirmations. This begins the term after their 3rd birthday, and is for every child this age.

If you have any queries about any of the above please don't hesitate to ask.

Christmas Party

This year we will be holding our Christmas party at Mini Monsterz. All children who attend our setting are invited along. We are still finalising some details and will keep you informed of these.

The date of this will be

Wednesday 19th December 2018

4-5:30pm

We are really looking forward to this change and have a feeling the children will be very excited! We will also be having our visit from Santa during this party. As we have done in previous years, please could parents bring in a wrapped gift, with their child's name on, up to the value of £5. For Santa to hand out to the children at the party. Could we please have these in to preschool by Friday 14th December.

Toddler Room Activities

Over this half term the toddler room have been busy settling in our new children. Everyone is doing really well with this and have settled into our daily routine. We have been supporting the children to build relationships together and develop their language skills to communicate with each other. The children have really enjoyed lots of messy play, including cornflour, jelly, playdough and painting.

Additionally, we have been doing some sensory exploration of Autumn, with conkers, different coloured leaves, pinecones, pumpkins and apples from our garden. We have been spending lots of time outside, to make the most of the good weather and developing our physical skills such as climbing, digging and going for walks.

Preschool Room Activities

Over this half term the preschool room have also been busy settling everyone back in after the summer holidays. We started by working on a theme of 'all about me.' Where we looked at where we live, the colour of our hair and eyes, who lives at home, parents jobs and supporting the children in learning each others names! We will be continuing this into next half term where we will additionally begin to learn about the 5 senses.

Of course this half term, we have also explored Autumn. We have been out to collect conkers and leaves which have helped our knowledge. We have spent lots of time during circle time talking about what is Autumn and what does it look like. We have completed lots of activities that have supported our knowledge of this.

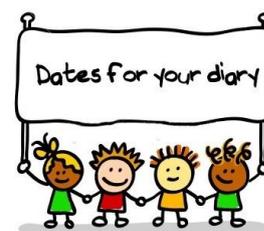
Finally, we have been celebrating Halloween! The children have been very excited about this and have really enjoyed completing lots of crafts and games surrounding this topic!

Term Dates and events for your diary 2018/2019

We break up for half term on Friday 26th October 2018

We return for Late autumn Term on Monday 5th November 2018

Our Christmas Party will be Wednesday 19th December 2018 4-5:30pm



We break up for Christmas on Friday 21st December 2018.

We return for Early Spring Term 2018 on Tuesday 8th January 2019

We break up for half term on Friday 22nd February 2019

We return for Late spring term on Monday 4th March 2019

We break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 12th April 2019

We return for Early Summer Term on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

We are closed for Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May 2019

We break up for half term on Friday 24th May 2019

We return for Late summer term on Monday 3rd June 2019

We close for the summer holidays on Friday 19th July 2019.

I hope you have a lovely half term and
we will see you all again on Monday 5th November.

Best wishes,

Becky 😊