

Tiddlywinks Pre-School



January 2015 Newsletter

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Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term:

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February

Half Term 16th-20th February

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Half Term 25th - 29th May

Monday 1st June - Wednesday 17th July

Spring Term

Parent Consultations- All the caterpillars and new butterflies parents will be offered times slots to meet with the key person during this term this will also give you the opportunity to take a look at your child's profile. There will be further details regarding booking your time slots in the near future.

Welcome - We have two new starters this term Evie-Mae & Jarell who we hope are looking forward to joining us.

Fees

Please note your Spring 1 invoice went out at the beginning of December and should have already been paid. If you have not already done so you will be sent a late reminder on your child's first day back after the Christmas holiday. Please expect your Spring 2 invoice at the beginning of February **Please note all cheques must now be made payable to Victoria Parker.**

Increasing Sessions

If you are interested in increasing your child's sessions for the Spring Term please speak to Vicki ASAP to avoid disappointment. There is always a cut-off date for the funding and so the earlier you arrange the sessions the more likely we are able to accommodate.

Photo Gallery of Your Children

Regular photographs are added to the gallery for you to view of your children whilst they are with us at Tiddlywinks. All you need to do is register, please email Vicki for further details or click on the link on our website.

This will include the photos from Christmas events and the Autumn Term.

Please Help

Please name your child's clothing, change of clothes bag and lunch box as not all children recognise their own belongings.

To help your child's early reading skills, please encourage them to find their own name card from the table each morning. We do require that all parents come into the room to ensure the child carry this out to double check all children are correctly registered.

Please note siblings are not automatically placed on the waiting list, therefore you may want to request a waiting list form. Due to the new intake to schools, we are predicting we will only have availability in September of each year & we can take any child after their 2nd birthday. For more details or to request a waiting list form please speak to Vicki.

We wanted to remind parents that we have an open door policy and would encourage parents to come and spend a session with their child. It's a great opportunity to see what your children get up to during their time away from home. All parents are welcome but a special request is made for the male members of the family. The early year's workforce is a very female dominated sector and positive male role models are important to children.

Update

Christmas - We would like to thank all the parents/carers that bought the staff communal and individual presents and cards they were lovely and most appreciated.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and good start to 2015.

Photographer - During last term the children had their photos taken by a professional photographer and with the many orders that parents made, £93 was donated to Tiddlywinks so thank you so much. We will keep you posted about what we will spend it on as the team is still deciding if we would like to get something the two settings can share or divide the money between us.

Children In Need Week -Between PW and us we managed to raise £45 and so thank you to those that donated.

PPP Visits - After the success of Princes Plain Primary school leavers (Sept 15) visiting us and some of our butterflies visiting their school we have decided to make it a regular trip. This will allow the Butterflies to get used to visiting the school they may be attending, exposing them to a new environment, adults and equipment, providing them with more familiar faces whom they maybe going to school with, as well as meeting up with previous Tiddlywinks children and it's great fun! Dates are currently in discussion and we will keep you posted.

Head lice- Sadly head lice have come to Tiddlywinks. This is common in young children in close proximity and cannot be avoided. However they can be kept to a minimum if children with long hair can have it tied back and that all parents regularly check and treat the hair. Please see the NHS website provided for help in treating: www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment

Child's Belongings - Please name your child's clothing as not all children recognise their own belongings, we sometimes have doubles. At the end of last year we had lots of 'Lost property' left over. This will hopefully restrict the amount of lost or mislaid items making it easier for us to return them.

Early Reading Skills - To help your child's early reading skills, by encouraging them to find their own name card from the table each morning. We do require that all parents come into the room to ensure your child carries this out to ensure all children are correctly registered.

Messy Church

4-6pm once a month. Everyone is welcome & it's great fun. The themes are confirmed nearer the time. The craft activities take place in the South Room (Tiddlywinks Hall) as well as Tea/snack.

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Under 5's Church: Once a month on a Tuesday the staff of Tiddlywinks take all the children (that attend Tuesday mornings) to the church along with the Princes Plain Nursery, Pre-School and Reception Classes to see Roger the Vicar. This half term that will be on Tuesday 13th January & 10th February.

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