



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2021

1st Half Monday 06 September - Friday 22 October

Half Term Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

2nd Half Monday 01 November - Wednesday 15 December

If your child is unwell or unable to come to pre-school for any other reason please let the setting know by 10am of the morning concerned by **text** to the setting phone on 07968 192246. After that time if we have not heard from you we will contact you to ensure all is well. Please note this phone is not monitored outside of session hours. Absences known in advance may be emailed or texted though the latter is preferred.

The Autumn Term is now well under way and staff and children are enjoying spending time together at Little Fishes! It has been lovely to welcome back those children returning for their 'nursery' year and to get to know the new children all of whom are now settling well.

Coffee Morning



Keren Hillman, the Little Fishes Pastor, is arranging a coffee morning for Little Fishes parents. It will be held in The Hub from 9am-10.30am on Tuesday 19th October. Do go along and meet Keren and also Debbie who hosts The Hub. It will be a great

opportunity to meet other parents too!

Tea, coffee and pastries will be provided.

30 Hours Funded Childcare for Working Parents

If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours funded childcare from January 2022 you need to apply for your eligibility code by 31 December 2021. Applications must be made through the HMRC's Childcare Choices website - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you're unable to apply online or have any problems with the application process, please contact HMRC's Childcare Service Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097 for support.

Please remember you need to renew your code every 3 months to continue claiming the funding.

For more information go to:-

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families/childcare/paying/30-hours-funded-childcare-for-working-parents>

End of Term

Our Christmas Celebration will take place on Thursday, December 9th in the church. All children are welcome to attend whether or not they usually attend on a Thursday. Please arrive at 11.30am. Further details will follow.



What's On At St Paul's Church?

St Paul's
HOWELL HILL

Families @ 4 pm is now ONSite as well as online on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm. The next one is on Sunday, 24 October.



Families at 4pm provides a space for the whole family to gather, worship, learn and grow closer to God, as we discover together who God is. Go to:-

<https://www.saintpauls.co.uk/Groups/355737/Sundays.aspx>

Friday Little Church on Fridays @10am

Little Church now Onsite
Contact Keren for more details:-
kerenh@saintpauls.co.uk
020 8224 4121



Glow in the Dark mini

Each year on Halloween we gather to celebrate light! Join us as we have inflatables, face painting, games, and so much more.

Saturday 30 October 2:30-3:30pm



New Website



For those who haven't see it yet our new website launched at the end of May. Do take a look and if there is any further information you think it would be helpful to include do let us know. The address is the same as previously.

Facebook Page

Do also take a look at our Facebook page Little Fishes Pre-School Cheam and 'like' the posts or even better share' them. This will help raise the profile of Little Fishes in the community.



Lunch Club



Now that the children are settled some parents may like to consider the option of Lunch Club. If so please do speak to your key person. The children must be able to sit at a table for half an hour and to feed themselves.

Eating with other children is a lovely experience which facilitates some great conversation. Payment is by invoice although ad hoc Lunch Clubs, which are welcome, can be paid for using the card reader in the setting. Please also note that once your child is in receipt of the Early Years Free Entitlement Lunch Club may be included in the 15 hours.

NB Please ensure grapes, cherries, cherry tomatoes and strawberries are cut lengthways and then again cut in halves (quarters) to avoid them being a choking hazard. Blueberries should be cut in half.

Please also do not put peanut butter in your child's lunch just in case there are children with undiagnosed allergies to nuts as even remote contact with a child who has been eating peanuts can prove devastating. Please also take food off sticks (mini kebabs).

Footwear and Clothing

Gentle reminders please that inside footwear should be either soft shoes, plimsolls or slippers not trainers or boot shoes unless there are medical reasons.

As the weather is getting cooler and we aim to be outside every day where possible please ensure the children have coats, jumpers and boots with them. We do have some spares but some children don't like to wear clothes other than their own.



New Administrator

Some of you already know that Jan stepped down as our Administrator over the summer and that Lucy was appointed as her successor. Lucy has been one of our valued practitioners for several years but has decided to develop her career in a different direction. There has been much for her to learn due to the many different aspects to the role but she has adapted to it brilliantly.

Important information for parents and carers: Getting the right help when your baby or child is unwell

Babies and children often pick up infections and bugs, particularly when they return to nursery and school in the autumn. So Healthy Surrey now has information to help you manage these at home and guides you to know when to seek help.

Find the guide here:-

<https://surreycountycouncil.newsweaver.co.uk/childdcareprofessionalsupdate/157bpjp7nzapn1jpqulfc5>

Protecting your child against flu

All children aged 2 to 15 years old on 31 August 2021 (and those aged from 6 months onwards in clinical risk groups as well) will be eligible for the free flu vaccination on the NHS this year (2021 to 2022)

Five reasons to get your child vaccinated

1. Protect your child The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect you, your family and friends Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record



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