

Little Ashes Pre-School Newsletter

December 2020



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Welcome to the December Newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed our topic this term, we are looking forward to our Christmas Songs Nativity performance and Christmas party! Please read and stay updated with our monthly newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Songs Nativity - Thursday 10th December & Monday 14th December 2020 (all children to wear Christmas Jumpers or anything Christmassy!!)

Christmas Party Day - Friday 18th December 2020

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is very important to everyone at Little Ashes Pre-School. We review our policies annually and keep up to date with new legislation and requirements. Policies are always available via email if you require them.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS FOR LITTLE ASHES ARE: Helen Inwood (Leader) or Charlene Vanderpuye (Deputy) on 07855215154 or leader@littleashespreschool.co.uk
Molly Ratcliffe (Committee Safeguarding Officer) on 07534369164 (for emergencies and safeguarding concerns only) or safeguarding@littleashespreschool.co.uk

ACTIVITIES THIS HALF TERM

We were very excited to have everyone return back to Pre-School following our 14 days of isolation, the children settled right back into LAPS without feeling fazed by it all. We will be continuing with our Festivals and Celebrations topic until the end of the term. We have already focused our learning around Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and now we are onto everyone's favourite CHRISTMAS! We will be organising a cooking activity during this half term, as well as doing lots of Christmas activities and craft on the lead up to Christmas including the Pre-School Christmas songs nativity and party day, where all children will receive a Christmas gift from all the ladies. **Any children not attending the party on the last day will be given their gift on the last session they attend week commencing Monday 14th December.**

Christmas Songs Nativity (recorded): Thursday 10th December & Monday 14th December.

Christmas Party Day: Friday 18th December. ALL SCHOOL LEAVERS are invited.

Please be aware, that not all children attend every day so unfortunately there may be some activities that your child will not be involved with. **There is NO Lunch Club or Forest School on 18th December!*

If your child is unable to attend Pre-School due to illness, medical appointments or holidays; You **must** inform the Pre-School leader via email, phone or in person.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LITTLE ASHES PRE-SCHOOL: 07855215154/leader@littleashespreschool.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SONG NATIVITY

You may have read in our November newsletter that we will be streaming our Christmas Nativity live on Thursday 10th December, however, due to Pre-School closing and being a member of staff down, we have lost valuable practice time. Therefore, we have decided to record it ourselves during session time which will then be uploaded onto your child's eyLog Learning Journey. At a later date this video will be uploaded onto YouTube with a donate button as a fundraising tool for LAPS. The link to YouTube will be made private and can only be viewed by parents/carers that have the link. We will record two performances of the Nativity on **Thursday 10th December** and **Monday 14th December** to enable all school leavers the chance to participate in their final Pre-School Nativity (please can all children come to Pre-School dressed in Christmas Jumpers or anything Christmassy on these two days).

For our younger children who do not attend Pre-School on these two days will have the chance to participate in our Nativity next year 😊

Please let a member of staff know if you **DO NOT** want your child to feature in these videos, as both performances will be uploaded onto YouTube.

SPARE CLOTHES

If you have any spare clothes that your children may have outgrown, we want them! Long sleeve tops, leggings, trousers, pants, socks etc in various sizes from 2-5yrs. Thank You 😊

Reception Admissions September 2021

For our older children born between 01 Sept 2016 and 31 August 2017 it is time for parents to think about their next school and to organise applying for Admission. All councils are strongly encouraging parents to apply on-line and this is the preferred method of admission.

PLEASE NOTE: If you live outside of Buckinghamshire (i.e. Milton Keynes or Bedfordshire) and want to apply for a Bucks school you need to apply for your child's admission to school through your own local authority (i.e. the council you pay your council tax to).

If you live in the Bucks/Aylesbury Vale area, you can apply online **between 2nd November 2020 and 15th January 2021**. Please apply online at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk Applications for Primary School must be submitted to Bucks CC by no later than **midnight on 15th January 2021**.

Term Dates

Christmas Break:

Close - Friday 18th December 2020 @ 12pm*
Re-open - Tuesday 5th January 2021 @ 9am
***There will be NO Lunch Club or Forest School on Friday 18th December**

Spring term:

Monday 4th January 2021 - Staff training day
Re-open - Tuesday 5th January 2021 @ 9am
Close - Friday 12th February 2020 @ 12.30pm & 3pm for Forest School

Please pencil these important dates into your diary 😊

The Christmas Holidays

I imagine that you all will be planning how you will celebrate Christmas with your loved ones this year and we all face making some difficult decisions. Each family must decide what is the best option for their own circumstances. However, whatever you plan to do, please be cautious and careful so that we avoid any further cases at LAPS in the new year. If you plan to travel, please do remember to respect all quarantine requirements on your return and keep us informed. The list of countries not requiring self-isolation on return can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> Please be advised that this list is regularly updated.

If you have any questions, worries, concerns and/or ideas you would like to share with us please feel free to drop me an email. Many thanks,

Helen, Charlene, Nat, Jade, Diana, Lorna & Becca