

# Little Dragons Newsletter, November 2021.



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy few months welcoming lots of new families to the nursery and getting things back to 'normal' following all the previous Covid restrictions. All the new children have settled in so well and we are enjoying getting to know everyone.

We can see a real improvement in conducting the handovers at the children's nursery rooms rather than the front door.

Please remember to look out for information and event notices displayed on or next to you child's nursery room door. This has been the preferred method by the majority of parents so we will continue with this.

Staffing is altering slightly across the 3 nursery rooms and all key children who have been or will be affected are being informed of the changes. These changes are required to not only balance staff qualifications and training across each room, but also to assist the children's learning support.

We have had a period of time now where it has been very tricky to recruit the correct staff into our current vacancies, there seems to be a nation wide shortage of Early Years Educators. We have had long running adverts out and have very recently identified a qualified person who is now going through our rigorous recruitment proses, we hope she will join us in the new year.

Both Chelsea and Emily have welcomed baby girls into the world over the last few months and both doing well. Chelsea is hoping to come back to work in February and Emily in late summer.

Thank you to everyone who has booked and attended their child's parent meeting. These 10 minute slots are a great time to have a look though your child's Learning Journey whilst discussing their development with the Key worker. Thank you for being so good at sticking to the times this year, it really helps us run these appointments to the time schedule. If at any point you would like a longer discussion, please do approach the room team leader who will arrange a suitable time to meet. Your child's Learning Journey is available for you to look at, at any time, please ask you Key worker.

Blue room have had a recent addition to their room, 2 Guinea Pigs, Olive and Ivy. They will be having a special outdoor space in the Blue room Free Flow area and be housed indoors overnight. There is a rota for children to feed them and have a cuddle so I'm sure your little people will be telling you all about them very soon!!

The Blue room Free Flow has also just had some large air conditioning fans, attached to the main office building, removed which makes such a difference to the space.

Red room and Green room have been producing some lovely artwork, if you have a moment when dropping your children off please do go in and have a look around.

In the lead up to Christmas there will be various activities going on in each room, please keep an eye out for further communications about this via your child's room.

As a reminder, the nursery will close at 1pm promptly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, reopening as normal at 7:30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Lastly, it is unfortunate that we have had a number of near misses in the carpark recently, with cars nearly hitting other cars, and children not being supervised by their parents causing a danger to themselves and other carpark users. This carpark has a displayed speed limit and ALL car users should be driving with extreme caution at all times. Children must not be allowed to run around freely in the carpark. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Rebecca Croft, Nursery Manager and Louise Wye, Nursery Deputy Manager.

