

www.littleowlsboxted.co.uk  
littleowlsboxted@live.co.uk  
01206 273616  
or find us on Facebook

January 2020

# Little Owls Newsletter



## Dates for your diary

Half Term	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February
PD Day	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holidays	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Fete	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Presentation	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (time TBC)

## Welcome!

In December we said goodbye to Gill. We gave her a lovely send off on the last day of term, with a tea party and lovely presents from parents and staff. We hope she is enjoying her retirement. This term has started off very busy and we welcome our 5 new families. Our new children are settling well and we hope they enjoy their time at Little Owls. If you have any queries or concerns about anything at all, please just let us know and we'll try to help. With so many children already booked in, there is very limited availability to swap or increase sessions between now and July. However, we always have in the past done our best to be accommodating and will always endeavor to do so, particularly in unexpected or emergency situations.

## New families

If you know any families in Boxted or surrounding areas with young children who are likely to want a place at Little Owls in the next year or so, please ask them to get in touch with us and put their name on our lists. We are currently having to organise our session lists a year ahead. We always try to prioritise Boxted children, but we can only guarantee them places if we know about them.

## Fundraising

We'd like to say thank you to all who donated items for the Christmas Hampers and thank you to the Trustees and their fundraising group for turning all the items into lovely hampers. The event raised £121.

## Parent Information Board

You will have noticed by now our new Parent Information Board in the reception area. This will display information about what we are learning this half term and how you can support your children at home. We have added to our Library area in the reception as well. This now also contains Home Learning Resources. Please take a red book bag home as you wish. These bags contain all the resources you will need to assist your child in the chosen bag. All we ask is that you sign the resource in and out (there is a sheet in box), just so we can keep track of them.

## Reminders

As always, please make sure your child has suitable indoor and outdoor clothing.

Wellies are useful throughout the year for water play, muddy play and bad weather. As the weather does get colder, please ensure your child has a suitability warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

**We try to keep track of children's clothes and wellies, but it's a much easier job if they're all labelled!**

Please supply spare indoor clothing - the children often get wet playing with water. When packing their spare clothing bags, please include socks and underwear as we are always short of spares. If your child has borrowed spare clothing, please could you ensure you wash and return it ASAP, as we do only have limited supplies.

Please label bags and lunch boxes clearly on the outside. If you prefer not to write on the outside of the bag, a tied-on label is an alternative.

It is very important that you sign your child in and out each day, including early bird sessions. It is a legal requirement for us to have these signing in sheets and we do use them to check against our register.

Can we also please remind parents to be prompt at drop off and collection times:

Early Bird - 8.45am

Morning Session - 9.15am

End of morning session - 12.15pm

After lunch club - 12.45pm

Early afternoon collection - 2.45pm

Afternoon collection - 3.15pm

It is important that our session times are not continually interrupted by repeated opening of the door after allocated times. It can prove quite unsettling for some children.

### **Healthy eating and recycling!**

Please remember that as a setting we promote both healthy eating and good recycling practices. We feel that one chocolate or treat item is sufficient. We encourage children to recycle within preschool, but obviously the best way to reduce the waste is for there to be as little packaging as possible in the first place. If you can avoid buying and sending in prepackaged food such as cheese strings and fruit strings we would be very grateful. A slice of cheese or a piece of fruit is much healthier and better for the planet!