



Little Acorns News



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DATES

19 DEC
Christmas Party
Last day of term

04 JAN
New term begins

15 JAN
Application for
primary school
places closes

09 FEB
Last day of term

19 Feb
First day of term

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, the Christmas Party will take place on **Tuesday 19th December** (the last day of term). All children are invited, even if it is not their usual day but please note the session will start at **10:00**. Children are welcome to wear their best party outfits for the occasion and we ask parents to donate an item of party food on the day, a food list will be put up on the door at the entrance to pre-school, please write your child's name next to the item you wish to bring. Due to allergies please do not bring items that are not listed. Parents are invited to come back and join us at **11:30** to watch the **Christmas Jingle Concert** sang by the children and tea, coffee and cake will be served.

SNACK TIME REMINDER

Parents are reminded that each child attending a morning session must come with a **fresh fruit or vegetable snack, separate from their lunch bag** and it must be placed on the snack table at the start of the session. For health & safety oranges/satsumas must be pre-peeled and grapes must be cut in half lengthways.

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

You should by now have been given your book of raffle tickets to sell to friends and family, if you would like any more then please ask one of the pre-school assistants. The raffle is a great opportunity to raise some money for the pre-school to buy new toys and equipment. Prizes this year include a bottle of prosecco, restaurant meal vouchers, a John Lewis teddy bear, a manicure at Beau Beauty Bar, toys and lots more.

WINTER IS HERE

Please ensure children come to pre-school with named hats, gloves and a warm coat. We do spend time outside even on the cold, rainy days, so it is essential they are dressed appropriately. Can parents also check that the spare clothes in the children's bags are also suitable for winter weather.

DON'T FORGET SCHOOL APPLICATION

Remember, the deadline for applying for your child's primary school place for September 2018 is **Monday 15th January**. Apply online at:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who helped Little Acorns raise **£33.44** for Children in Need. The children looked wonderful in their spotty clothes and the cakes and scones made by the children were very tasty.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO AT LITTLE ACORNS?

Over the last few weeks we have had **deliveries of vegetables** from the Community Allotments in Godmanchester. The children have enjoyed describing the different vegetables, chopping them up to see what's inside and sometimes tasting them. We have also been very lucky to take part in **music lessons** led by Mrs Nightingale from Stukeley Meadows Primary School and **in the kitchen** Ranjan has been busy teaching the children how to make indian chapatti's. Her authentic recipe can be found on the Little Acorns website if you fancy trying it at home. Our recent fundraising has allowed us to purchase a brand new oven so we'll be putting that to good use making lots of tasty foods in the next few weeks.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

After the success of the Autumn term Book of the Week, we have decided to continue with it in the new year. A full book list for the spring term will be given out in due course but we will start with **Three Little Pigs** on 8th January. It is great when parents get involved with this so please do look the titles up online if you don't have a copy at home and discuss with the children what they have been doing in relation to the story in pre-school.

NO COMMITTEE, NO PRE-SCHOOL

We are looking to expand the Little Acorns pre-school management committee. If you can spare a little of your time to help with fundraising events then we would love to have you on our team. The pre-school is a charity and therefore relies on this fundraising for new toys and equipment and without a committee the pre-school would be forced to close.

SUCCESS AT THE STUKELEY MEADOWS SCHOOL FAIR

We got very glittery at the school fair last week doing lots of glitter tattoos. We raised £31 for the pre-school.

LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

As well as a brand new *Book of the Week* list, the spring term will bring lots of exciting things to Little Acorns. We will be celebrating various dates such as Shrove Tuesday, Valentines Day, the Chinese New Year and Sport Relief with an array of activities that we know the children will enjoy.

THANK YOU PARENT HELPERS!!

Thank you to the helpers who recently chipped in to tidy up and help supervise snack time, your time was very much appreciated! We can always do with an extra hand at snack time and so if any parents/grandparents can help between 9:30 and 10:30, particularly in our busiest sessions on Tuesday and Friday mornings then please do volunteer. As well as making it easier for the pre-school staff, it is a great opportunity to see what we get up to at Little Acorns and the children love having visitors.

LATEST NEWS

Please remember to check the notice board, which is located on the outside wall at the side of the pre-school building, for pre-school news and important dates .



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the last newsletter of 2017 and so, on behalf of the Little Acorns Pre-school committee, may we take this opportunity to wish all the friends and families of Little Acorns a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

