

Spring Little Owls Newsletter April 2019

Dear Parents

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful sunny weather.



Listed below is some additional nursery information and dates for your diaries as we realise that this term is extremely busy and it is important to us that our little owl parents receive as much notice as possible for future nursery events.

Nursery Sports Day - This is for all children who will be leaving our barn owl nurseries to commence school in September and who will be **attending Toftwood Infant School**. This will be held on the morning of Thursday 27th June at Toftwood infant school and further information will be provided nearer the time.



Johnny Jaffa cake children's entertainer - This will be for all barn owl children who will be leaving us to commence school as a farewell treat from the nursery. Johnny Jaffa cake will be holding a children's show at both of our Toftwood and Scarning nurseries on the morning of Wednesday 10th July. If

your child is leaving us for school in September and they do not attend nursery on this morning then they are welcome to be dropped off for the duration of the show. Further times and information will also be provided for nearer to the date.

Nursery Graduation

This will be for all Barn Owl children who will be leaving us to commence school this Septemeber. Due to the extremely high volume of children that we now have attending at both of our little owl's settings we will be holding three individual graduation ceremonies but these will all be held over the course of the same morning. The graduations will once again be held at Toftwood infant school and will be on the morning of Saturday 6th July. Times for your child's ceremony will be issued neared to the date.



Transitions

Nursery Transition forms have now been distributed and parents have until Monday 29th April to return these. These forms are of paramount importance to us as this is your opportunity to have the option of changing or increasing your child's nursery sessions from this September. At this moment in time changed sessions cannot be guaranteed but once all forms are returned then our managers can plan in advance for the new term from September 2019 and notify all parents of their children's new sessions if changes have

been requested. If we do not receive your returned transition forms then we will assume that there are no changes requested for your child at nursery and their sessions will remain unchanged.

Hoots After School Club.



If you do require the services of Hoots for your child from September in either our breakfast, after school or holiday clubs then please complete and return the hoots section of your transition form. Hoots as always is extremely popular again from this September so it is paramount that we have your child's requirements so that we can aim to secure places for your child within our clubs.

The Hoots open evening for all new prospective and interested hoots children will be held on Wednesday 31st July from 4.30-6.30pm at Toftwood infant school.

Invites will be distributed to interested parents nearer to this date. If you would like to speak to charlotte our current Hoots manager on any aspects of Hoots then please call the nursery office on 01362 699700.

You can also visit our website at for further information on hoots.

<https://www.littleowls-nursery.co.uk/hoots-after-school-holiday-club/>

Parents Transition evenings.

If your child will be transitioning up throughout the nursery this summer the transition information evenings for those parents will be held on the following dates.

Scarning Little Owls:

Snowy and Barn Owls transition evening
Wednesday 12th June

Toftwood Little Owls:

Snowy owls open evening-Wednesday 5th June
Barn owls open evening-Thursday 6th June

These evenings are extremely important for our parents to attend as they will provide you with the opportunity to view your child's next stage of nursery, meet your child's keyperson and receive your nursery welcome pack. Please pop these dates onto your calendar and times and RSVPs will be distributed shortly.

Yoga and wellbeing at Little Owls

On Saturday 27th April Colette from our Toftwood nursery and Charlotte from our Scarning nursery will be attending a yoga and wellbeing training course. Once they have completed their studies we will be devising a programme and lesson plans to incorporate this into our two nurseries.



Our aim is to include both our parents and children into yoga and wellbeing cafes at nursery and for our children to experience these planned sessions within the nursery week. We will be providing our parents with additional information over the next month.

New summer nursery menu

Attached to this newsletter is our new summer menu and nursery mid-morning and afternoon snacks.



This will be introduced to our children from Tuesday 7th May. All Individual dietary requirements can be catered for so please advise is of this if required. The additional cost of our nursery cooked lunches is £2.30 per lunch and our mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks are provided free of charge.

Recycling

Our lovely staff member Emily who works within our Toftwood Tawny Owl nursery is very interested in introducing recycling and becoming more environmentally friendly within our Little Owl's settings. We would like to try and encourage everyone within our nurseries to become involved with this project and would ask that if any of our current parents have an interest or experience within this field if they



could contact the nursery direct on 01362 699700 and we can arrange for Emily and a manager to speak with you. Thank you for your support with this.

New staff faces at nursery

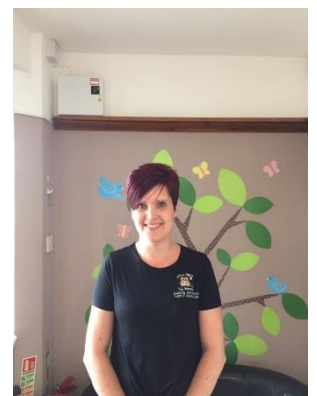
As you are aware we will shortly be saying goodbyes to Charlotte, Tiffany and Jo as they all commence their maternity leaves. We will keep all parents updated of all lovely new arrivals.



We would like to give a warm welcome to the following new staff that have recently been recruited whilst these lovely ladies have their babies.

Meg Allen- Meg has joined us as our new hoots manager in Charlottes absence.

Sharon Smouldon- has joined us as our new Toftwood Deputy manager as Hayley will shortly take up her new promotion as our Toftwood nursery manager once Tiffany commences her maternity leave.



Finally, Holly our Nursery Operations Manager for both Little Owls settings will be re-joining us from the 10th June

following on from her new arrival last October. Holly is currently participating in nursery KIT days within our nurseries so you may very well see her within the nurseries over the next few weeks.

New security nursery fencing.

The new fencing systems seem to be working very effectively and it ensures the safety of our little people at all times. Please can all gates be bolted as you enter and leave the nursery premises. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Staff professional training

The professional development of our staff is paramount to our nurseries and the following staff have recently attended the listed training courses:

Emily Smoldon and Beth Metcalf - Brilliant Babies
Bethany Skipper - Introduction to child protection
Colette Wylie and Charlotte Aldridge - Yoga and mindfulness
Charlie Nicol - First Aid.

Finally

Parents communication

As always, the strong communication between our nursery, parents and their families are extremely important to us at

Little Owls and an area that we endeavour to always aim to strengthen.

Each week we email out our “what’s on” documents to all parents all so that our families are aware of what activities their children will be enjoying in their relevant nurseries for the week ahead. We also update daily information on our nursery Facebook page so please ensure that you join our Facebook page and regular information is always updated on our nursery website.

This coincides with regular parent emails, weekly and daily tapestry updates, newsletters and termly story cafes for all families to enjoy.

Thank you as always parents for your continued support for our settings.

Kindest regards
Justine (Nursery Director)