

## News Letter Spring Term 2017



### Welcome from the Committee

A belated Happy New Year from the Committee! And a warm welcome to those children and parents who have joined Little John's this or last term!

Little John's Preschool is a registered educational charity overseen by a small committee of dedicated parents, staff, and parents of former Preschool children. We welcome all new parents/carers to the Committee; as parents of attending children you automatically become a Member of the Little John's Preschool charity. All Members are eligible to join the committee and get involved in the running the Preschool. This is a great way to contribute to the education of your children and help shape the Preschool as an organization created by the local community for the local community. Not only do we share their facilities, but we also work very much in partnership with St. John the Baptist Church and St. John the Baptist Primary School across the road. Our next Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24th January 2015, at 8.00pm. Please speak to Mellonie (manager) or Rachel (parent) if you would like to find out more about getting involved.

### Tim Rattay (Chair)

[littlejohnscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:littlejohnscommittee@gmail.com)

### Thank you!

All the staff would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all the children and parents who bought Christmas cards and presents, they are not necessary but are very much appreciated – thank you.

### Contact information

If anyone had a new telephone for Christmas please ensure you update us with your new number for emergencies.

### Finances

Little Johns Preschool is registered with Leicester City Council as a validated provider for 2, 3 and 4 year old NEG funded children. We offer the maximum 15 hours free funded places to children accessing this funding, as well as providing additional paid sessions to those parents wanting their children to access the provision privately. Money to run the Preschool is provided from the government funding and fees payable by parents. Obviously the Preschool must be financially viable but we do not run to make a profit, all additional monies are put back into the Preschool in the form of new resources to provide a quality provision that will engage and develop your child. We try to keep our fees at a minimum and ask that parents help us by ensuring that any fees due are paid on time.

### Collection times

Please be aware that our collection times are 12.00 noon for children attending mornings only and 3.00 pm for children attending the afternoon sessions. It is important that you collect your child on time as delays cause them to get upset when they see their friends leaving. Little Johns Preschool reserves the right to charge for late collections.

### The new term

January has begun with several new children joining the preschool and it is lovely to see how well they have settled in with the help of their new friends. We have changed the day that Zhebeez come to the preschool to every Monday this term, this will give lots of other children the chance to experience the excellent physical and imaginative play sessions Coach Michael and his team provide. For further information on Zhebeez, please see the poster in the corridor.

During this term we are hoping to have a dentist come and visit the children and the council Road Safety Officer to discuss the importance of safety on the road and in cars. Further information on the type and size of a car seat to use with your child can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-booster-seat>

It is that time of year when coughs, colds and runny noses are going about and we would like to remind all parents of our commitment to promoting personal health and hygiene. Please encourage your child to put their hand over their mouth when they cough or sneeze, to use and then dispose of the tissue in the bin and to frequently wash their hands with soap to remove any germs.

*Helping At Home:* If your child has done anything exciting during the week-end or holidays or has achieved a particular milestone, we would like to know so that we can talk about such an event with them. We have "WOW Moments - Parent Voice" slips for you to complete available on the signing in table in the morning. If you wish to include photos with some of these we would love to see them and they will be added to your child's learning journey to give a complete overview of your child's learning experiences at Little Johns and at home, on outings and holidays. If printing photos is difficult for you, you can email them to [littlejohnspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littlejohnspreschool@gmail.com) and we will print them for your child's learning journey.

### **Parent Consultations**

We are holding parent consultations the week before half term when parents can have a short chat with their child's Key Worker and discuss how they are settling in, their development within the preschool etc. Further details and time slots will be available closer to the time.

### **Staffing**

As many of you know, Shan has not been very well recently, we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her again soon. In the meantime Vijya is working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Julekha our new member of staff, is covering Mondays. Rebecca, our apprentice and Sage, a student from Loughborough College, provide extra adults in the setting that ensure that the children receive higher adult:child interaction to stimulate and promote development.

### **Weather**

As the weather will no doubt get colder over the coming weeks could we kindly remind you to clearly label all coats, hats, scarves, gloves, wellies etc.... as in accordance with good practice the children have access to the outside area whatever the weather. May we also remind parents to send a change of clothes as sometimes accidents happen when children are absorbed in their play, and the Preschool has a very limited supply of donated clothes?

### **Partnerships**

We are based in a lovely church and if you haven't yet had chance to view the old building I would really encourage you to do so. The church is open for midweek prayers every Wednesday and Thursday 9.00-9.30 am and there is an informal service held every Sunday at 10.30 am where the children get to mix in groups of similar aged peers for Christian worship and games.

Looking forward to a busy and engaging term,

## *The Staff and Committee of Little Johns Preschool*

Just a quick reminder of the term dates:

Mid Term Break	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2017
Schools Close	Thursday 6 April 2017
Easter holiday	Monday 10 April 2016 to Friday 21 April 2017
Schools reopen	Monday 24 April 2017