



## Little Learners Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016



What a beautiful start to October we have seen. It's one of my favourite times of year and the children have embraced our Harvest celebrations wonderfully. Thank you to all the families who donated food, the donations have now been made to the Foodbank in Weston.

As many of you know I have recently returned from a few weeks off during which I got married. Amusingly my surname has now changed to Marsh (cue the 'losing it all jokes!').

I am very pleased to see that our new Little Learners have settled well, they are thoroughly enjoying our lovely learning environment and beginning to make friendships and grow in independence. Please could we take this opportunity to remind parents not to allow their Little Learners to bring in special or valuable items, we cannot hold responsibility for lost or damaged items.

### Tulip Photography



We have our photographer visiting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to take photos of our Little

Learners. Those children who are usually in during that session will have their photo taken during the morning. If you would like visit during the morning to have your Little Learners photo taken please sign up to a 10 minute slot on the clipboard in Nursery. Siblings are welcome.

### School Places

Families can now apply for school places if your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013. Applications can be submitted to North Somerset Council and the closing date for these applications is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. To read a parent guide and apply online please visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions) Paper application forms are also available from North Somerset Council upon request.

### Ladies Night



Next **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-9.00pm @West Wick.** Tickets are on sale now, available from both school offices - £4 each to include a free sparkly welcome drink and entry into a prize draw. Book the date in your diaries ladies, for a guaranteed fun evening out!

### Christmas



Although it seems early be thinking about it, the Little Learners have been making a Christmas card template over the last couple of weeks. Each child's template will be made into a sample card. You will be able to purchase these once the samples have been returned to us. Keep your eyes peeled! Also, the Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the early evening. Are there any parents who would like to lend a hand to the PTFA? Please talk to Amy if you are interested.

## Lunchboxes, 'teaboxes' and drinks



Thank you for your understanding and continuing to provide a balanced meal for your child. Just a reminder that we cannot accept crisps or chocolate bars.

As per school policy we would also request that children's drink bottles are filled with water.

## Early Years Pupil Premium Funding

# Pupil Premium

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is funding allocated to children from families who meet certain criteria. The money is allocated to us to enhance their educational experience whilst at Nursery through small group times, additional resources or specialist activities.

**It is really important that you apply if you meet one of more of these criteria.** Please ask Amy or see the office for an application form.

3 and 4 year olds in state funded early education will attract EYPP funding if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- their family gets one of the following:
  - Income Support
  - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- they are currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales

- they have left care in England or Wales through:
  - an adoption
  - a special guardianship order
  - a child arrangement order

## Birthday sweets and treats

In line with a new school policy change we will no longer be able to accept cake or other treats to share with the children to celebrate birthdays. This is due to the increase in allergies and intolerances among our nursery and school community.

## Farm Link Day

St. Anne's @Hewish & @West Wick, together with Little Learners will be helping to raise money for 'FarmLink'. This is an amazing charity that has helped support the children from St Anne's for many years on trips to Lower Stock Farm, Holt Farm and Lye Cross Farm. Our Forest School is run each week for pupils of St Anne's and is funded by this charity. We would like to give something back by joining many schools in our local area to 'Dress as a Farmer'. We suggest a donation of £1 to help raise money to enable us and many other schools to continue being offered free visits and tours. 'Dress as a Farmer' Day will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016** (the last day before half term). Little Learners will also be entering a competition to win a chance to win an incubator for a month, to watch eggs hatch and develop, by sending in a picture of our Little Learners dressed as farmers! The FarmLink trustees will pick a winning group of children and the winning school will get the chance to help name Farmer Nick's new Barn Owl.

## The Grand Pier 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Family Fun Day

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Pirate Takeover

Featuring Cook & Line from CBeebies' Swashbuckle

Shows at 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Includes unlimited rides wristband, craft corner,

live music, Cook & Line show, giant games,

balloon modelling and face painting

Adv. tickets £12.50 (£15 on the door)

The Grand Pier, Marine Parade, Weston super Mare

