

September 2015

Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families who have recently started at Giggles Day Nursery, and thank all our parents for their continuing support. As with all our children, we are looking forward to supporting your child's learning.

Important Dates for your Dairy

25th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning

30th October: Hallowe'en tea party with a gruesome themed menu.

6th November: Poppy Day. On the build up to this event children will learn about our heritage.

11th November: Diwali celebrations (Diwali is the Hindu festival of light)

13th November- Children in need. Dress as a superhero for the day and donate a pound.

7th December: Hanukkah

9th December: Pre School Nativity at Christ Church

19th December: Children's Christmas Party (more details to follow)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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On September 25th between 9.30 and 10.30, Giggles Nursery would like to invite all our parents and family members to our coffee morning. The staff will be getting in to the spirit of things by competing in a bake off.

To help raise money towards Cancer Research, we will ask parents who attend for a donation. Parents who are unable to come but would still like to donate are more than welcome to do so.

Keypersons

As September is a fresh new term, we have made some slight changes to staffing:

As a lot of children made the transition from the Toddler room to Preschool, Kelly from the Toddler Room also made the transition alongside them to help support the children's transition and continuity of care.

Baby Room	Toddler Room	Pre School
Hayley Potts (Room Leader) Shelley Neary Marissa Books	Kayleigh Heyes (Room leader) Chelsea Parker Emma Entwistle Leanne Crompton (Wednesdays)	Vanessa Kilroy (Room Leader) Kelly Kay Abi Whitehead Leanne Crompton (Monday and Fridays)

Leanne Crompton will continue to take lead on working with and supporting all areas concerning children in need of additional support or medical needs.

We say Goodbye to Lindsey and Lesley who are not returning this new term due to family commitments and new opportunities. We was saddened at the news but as we all know, family commitments take priority in any mother's life. We wish them all the best.

We would like to congratulate Shelley on the completion of her level 3 in child care.

This September also sees Kym Wells, Laura Thomas, Kayleigh Heyes and Kelley Kay starting their degree in Early Years Practise. Every Thursday, Kym and Laura will be off site but our Deputy Manager, Elaine, will be here to oversee the day to day running of the nursery and answer any queries or questions you may have.

Uniform Orders

More and more parents are opting for their child to wear a nursery uniform. This consists of a blue t shirt, blue sweatshirt or a hooded jacket. The uniforms look lovely on the children.

We are now looking to place a uniform order again, if you would like a uniform then please complete the uniform order form attached with this newsletter.



Social Networking

As most of you are aware, Giggles Day Nursery use social networks to share events, updates and learning experiences with parents. We have found that using tools such as Facebook, helps us to connect with parents and families quickly. Recently, we have used videos to film the learning experiences of children. If you have not had the opportunity to view these videos you may do so on the following sites:

www.facebook.com/Gigglesnursery

Youtube - search "Giggles Day Nursery"

Google+ - search "Giggles Day Nursery"

Before we publish any photo or video, permissions are always obtained. We would love to hear your feedback on these videos or photos. Reviews can be written directly on social network pages or in writing to us at Giggles.

Sports at Giggles

We are busy trying to organise swimming lessons for the children. We previously used a company who provided swimming lessons and a mini bus to transport the children to and from the lesson each week. However, we are seeking another company to teach the children how to swim as we was unhappy that they would not try to accommodate some of our children who need additional support. Despite our efforts to try and overcome their barriers the swim company felt it wasn't possible. As a nursery that promotes inclusive practice, we want to ensure that all our external companies also promote this same ethos. We have two swimming companies that can accommodate us, we are trying to organise a mini bus to transport us. We are doing everything we can to try and organise this for the children, at a reasonable cost, as I know many parents liked their children doing this activity.

On Tuesday we got a phone call from the football company we use called Goalz. Sadly the company has folded and can no longer provide us with sports lessons on a Tuesday. Management at Giggles are swiftly looking at measures to ensure the children continue to participate in additional physical activities.

Dancing lessons will continue on a Thursday morning and cost £1.50 if you wish for your child to participate.

Outdoor Area

Since the opening of our new garden area, the children have loved learning outdoors. Each day, the children have been fortunate to spend long time periods in the garden. However, the seasons are now changing and we are fast approaching winter weathers. We ask that all parents provide the following items for their children each day.

- Hats
- Gloves or mittens
- Coat
- Suitable shoes.

Please ensure that all items are labelled.



Calling all Musicians

The Pre School children enjoy using instruments during activities such as singing and dancing. It occurred to us that many children may not have experienced real instruments played. We have arranged for musicians to visit the nursery and are making plans for the children to watch music sessions at local venues. However, we would like to ask if any parents, grandparents, relatives or friends have any music skills they can share. Please contact Laura on 01204 576639 if you will be willing to help for a couple of hours one day or for more information.

Once again, we thank you for your continuing support.

Uniform Order Form

Please highlight which uniform order you would like to place by writing your quantity beside

T shirts	Sweatshirts	Hoodies	Bags
£5.50	£6.50	£10.00	£3.50
		Aged 6-12 months	
		Aged 12-18 months	
Aged 2-3 years	Aged 2-3 years	Aged 2-3 years	
Aged 3-4 years	Aged 3-4 years	Aged 3-4 years	
Aged 5-6 years	Aged 5-6 years	Aged 5-6 years	

All orders need to be in by Friday 25th September 2015 with payment.

Child's Full Name: _____

Total Cost: £_____ PAID/ NOT PAID