

Little Angels Nursery November Newsletter



LITTLE ANGELS NURSERY

Welcome to our Newsletter for the coming month.

If there are any other items you would like to see please let us know.

Diary Dates for you

- **3rd November- Bonfire Night. 6.00pm (Please book with Laura.)**
 - Come in your warm clothes for soup, sparklers and hotdogs.
- **11th November - Remembrance Day - 3pm**
 - Making poppies at nursery.
 - At 3pm, we are walking into town and visiting the remembrance memorial to lay our poppies.
 - If parents are happy to help please see Laura, if your child is not in, you are welcome to join us.
- **17th November- Bedtime stories for pre school room at 6.30 to 7.30pm**
 - Come to nursery in your pj's, slippers and with your teddy!
 - Settle down for a story and hot chocolate!
- **18th November - Children in Need**
 - We will be having a fundraising day but will confirm next month! (We may be dressing up but will not be asking for any donations as we want to concentrate on the SANDS charity.)
- **30th November - 7.30pm Christmas Parents Social Evening.**
 - GlamOriginals, Virgin Vie and Buggy bee plus more stalls to come and get your Christmas gifts.
 - Chill and have a mince pie and glass of wine!
- **2nd December 3-6pm Parents Evening.**
 - A chance for you to talk to your child's keyworker, browse through their learning journeys and ask any questions. There will be refreshments for you to enjoy. (Times will go up on the room doors soon.)
- **9th December - Children's Christmas Party for all rooms 3pm to 5pm.**
 - A chance for the children to wear their party dresses and enjoy the party!
- **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December - Christmas Lunch**
 - If your child does not come in on either days then please speak to the room leader, and we can get them booked in for the lunch.
- **Friday 16th December at 10am the pre-school nativity play.**
 - There will be coffee and mincepies in the school hall from 9.30am, bring grannies and grandpas to watch the play!!
- **Friday 13th January 2012 - Mummies Night out!**
 - After all the Christmas chaos a night out for the mummies, starting at the Joy Balti at 7.30pm, then dancing the night away in Calne! Please add your name on the room doors. (Bring a bottle)

DON'T MISS OUT!

Our Rag Bag bin outside nursery

You have probably noticed the RagBag bin outside the nursery, a lot of schools and nurseries already use them, you can donate any textiles in the bin, we have bags that you can get from the front hall. We then get paid in weight for all the donations, the plan is to be able to give it to a different room every time, for them to buy something off their wish list. So please help us!

Pots and Pans wanted

If you have any old pots and pans please bring them in for outside play.

Nursery Number

Please remember that the nursery number is 01249 821249 and if your child is not coming into nursery, please ring and **let the nursery** know. This help with daily plans and activities. Rachel is often away from the nursery and messages about children being late do not get the the correct rooms on time.

Change of details

Please make sure we are upto date on all your personal details, including change of address, mobile, work number or email. If we need to get you in an emergency it is important we can get through.

Wet weather gear

Please make sure you have a pair of wellies in nursery at all time, we like to take the children out whatever the weather. Children need to be in nursery with a rain coat, wellies, hats and gloves.

Spaces currently available

**Please see our home page for our latest spaces
Please speak to Rachel if you need any of them**

Christmas Closure.

We close for 2 weeks at Christmas.

From 6pm 16th December to 8am Tuesday the 3rd January.

Thank you.

Feedback from Linda's Food Questionnaires.

Thank you for your food feedback. Linda has found it very helpful. (If you still have not filled one in she will still be happy to receive them!)

From Linda: Firstly I would like to thank you for taking the trouble to fill in the food survey. The results have been fabulous and the positive comments made me feel really proud! Thank you so much it means the world to me!

Here are some of the results:

- Most popular meals at nursery: Roast chicken, spaghetti bolognese, sausages mash and peas, lasagne, cottage pie.
- Most popular vegetables: Carrots, broccilli, sweetcorn and cabbage.
- Most popular fruit: grapes, bananas, apples, strawberries and pears.
- Most popular dessert: Ice cream, chocolate cake, fromage frais shortbread and raspberries.

We would like to stress that we have a no nuts policy in the nursery.

I have also listed the questions that some parents have asked with my answers:

- You asked if we could add another dip than houmous? (Yes we offer cheese and chive, salsa and guacamole as well and houmous.)
- You asked for a variety of new tastes for the morning snack: (We will add more things such as cheesy straws and dips, greek yogurt and honey. Toasted tortillas with dips and vegetables.)
- Do children wash their hands before eating? Yes we always make sure the children wash their hands, and dry them ready to eat either morning snack or lunch.
- You asked if children can get more involved in preparing food and growing? (We are starting a gardening club next years run by Kiara and Donna Whitehead and we will also add more activities for children preparing food.)
- Can we have a snack at 2pm please? (I am afraid we have tried this before and children do not want to eat a snack when at 1pm, they have just finished their 2 course meal. The nursery policy remains for morning snack, lunch and afternoon tea. We would expect your child to be ready for a snack on return home at 3pm, just as school children are. The nursery cannot include this extra snack/meal into its day.)

African Angels

Rachel and Miriam are hosting The Butale Ball on 11th February next year, this is to raise money for the school, so we can build a new classroom and also give the children fresh water.

All tickets will be £45.00, including a meal, drink and dancing till late! Contact myself or Miriam and you can get you some tickets. Tables hold 8 people in total. Speak to Rachel for more details.

Room Guardian Angels

Your anonymous 3rd party go betweeners

The Little Cherubs Room Guardian is Susie Moore, her email is: susie.moore@hotmail.co.uk

The Little Angels Room Guardian is Clare Cashen, her email is: clare.cashen@hotmail.co.uk

The Little Stars Room Guardian is Charlotte Neale, her email is: charlottesimmons01@hotmail.com

Their information and pictures are on the parents noticeboard.

News from the Rooms.

As you know planning is mainly child-led within our nursery, with planning ideas coming from parents, observations of the children and their own ideas. Please make sure you give the staff ideas of what your child enjoys doing, this means the children benefit more within nursery.

Little Stars Room

This month we will be celebrating fire work night with firework pictures, a display and making biscuits. We will also be celebrating Diwali with clay pots, and pictures. We will be thinking about Remembrance Day, making poppies and be walking into town to lay them on the Cenotaph. Children in Need - we will be dressing up in fancy dress, be having a cake sale and selling home made pictures made by the children. We will also be practising the songs ready for the nativity play.

We will be developing our scissor skills and practising them on holiday brochures, and making a collage. We will be doing more on messy play, with spaghetti etc. Letters and Sounds we will be going on listening walks, using our sock shakers, making musical instruments, using talk buttons and counting songs. Letters of the week will be d,e,f and g, and if anyone has anything to add to our letters bags then please bring them in.

Little Angels Room

We have really enjoyed playing with the doctors role play area this month, and also enjoyed making autumn pictures for our autumn topic.

We have been developing letters and sounds activities and resources for parents to borrow and use at home.

This month we are making firework pictures to celebrate bonfire night. Making poppies for the Remembrance Day.

We also want to have a week of box play this month, and would welcome any big boxes for the children to use.

Little Cherubs Room

We are playing with boxes this year including shredded paper, bubble wrap, tubes and balloons.

We will also be playing with blocks this month including wooden blocks, duplo and making print pictures with blocks.

We will be dressing up in fancy dress for Children in Need.

We will also be walking to the cenotaph to celebrate Remembrance Day.

Funding Calendar 2011/12

- Funding is available from the start of the funding block AFTER your child turns three (not from your child's birthday)
- You can access a maximum of 15 hours per week
- Term time only children are not in nursery for on the 'RED' weeks

Please note the funding blocks do not match school terms, the vouchers work on a financial year basis, with month end cut dates as shown below.

Autumn Funding Block	w/c 2011	Funded?	1st Sep to 31st Dec 2011 14 weeks Govt voucher funding 210 hrs (14wks x 15 hours)
1	05-Sep	YES	
2	12-Sep	YES	
3	19-Sep	YES	
4	26-Sep	YES	
5	03-Oct	YES	
6	10-Oct	YES	
7	17-Oct	YES	
8	24-Oct	NO	24 Oct to 28th Oct is school half term
9	31-Oct	YES	
10	07-Nov	YES	
11	14-Nov	YES	
12	21-Nov	YES	
13	28-Nov	YES	
14	05-Dec	YES	
15	12-Dec	YES	
16	19-Dec	NO	19 Dec to 2 Jan inclusive Nursery is closed
17	26-Dec	NO	19 Dec to 2 Jan inclusive Nursery is closed

Spring Funding Block	w/c 2012	Funded?	1st Jan to 31st March 2012 11 weeks Govt voucher funding 165 hrs (11wks x 15 hours)
1	02-Jan	YES	
2	09-Jan	YES	
3	16-Jan	YES	
4	23-Jan	YES	
5	30-Jan	YES	
6	06-Feb	YES	
7	13-Feb	NO	13 Feb to 17th Feb is school half term
8	20-Feb	NO	
9	27-Feb	YES	
10	05-Mar	YES	
11	12-Mar	YES	
12	19-Mar	YES	
13	26-Mar	YES	

Summer Funding Block	w/c 2012	Funded?	1st April to 31st August 2012 13 weeks Govt voucher funding 195 hrs (13wks x 15 hours)
1	02-Apr	YES	
2	09-Apr	NO	2nd to 14 April is school Easter holiday
3	16-Apr	NO	2nd to 14 April is school Easter holiday
4	23-Apr	YES	
5	30-Apr	YES	
6	07-May	YES	
7	14-May	YES	
8	21-May	YES	
9	28-May	YES	
10	04-Jun	NO	4 Jun to 9 Jun is Half Term
11	11-Jun	YES	
12	18-Jun	YES	
13	25-Jun	YES	
14	02-Jul	YES	
15	09-Jul	YES	
16	16-Jul	YES	
	23-Jul		No funding 23 July 2012 to start Sep 2012

REMINDER – LITTLE ANGELS NURSERY POLICIES

As part of your contract, you have signed to say you have read the nursery policies and agree with them. The full list of policies is available on our website via <http://www.littleangelscalne.co.uk/office/policies.php>

The full printed versions are located in a folder in the nursery office and are available to view by appointment with Rachel Everitt.

This section of the newsletter publishes a selection of policies each month to remind you of what we do in any given situation. If you feel we have missed an area of nursery life and would like to see a new policy for it, please feed this back via <http://www.littleangelscalne.co.uk/contact/contactus.php>

FEATURED POLICY – Alcohol and Drugs Policy

As part of our safeguarding commitment, it is vital that all the team are alert to danger and able to protect your children against any harm, including the risks from alcohol and drugs.

Team members taking medication will seek medical advice as to whether they are allowed to continue working with children. If the medicine prescribed is unlikely to impair with their ability to look after children then they may carry on working.

NO team members will drink alcohol before or during the working day.

Any parent deemed under the influence of drugs or alcohol is considered unsuitable to collect their child. Each case is measured individually at the discretion of the Officer in Charge or Deputy Officer in Charge.

The welfare of the child is paramount. If the parent or carer is judged unsuitable then the nursery will keep the child until suitable arrangement can be made.

If the parent is aggressive and the member of staff feels threatened then they will give the child over to the parent. However, they will notify the Police and Children and Families (formerly known as social services).

FEATURED POLICY – Allergy Policy

It is your responsibility to inform us of any allergies your child may have. It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication is up to date and inform us of any changes in your child's condition.

We will do our best to consider your child's allergies in the every situation within the nursery. With your consent, we will also encourage the other children and their families to do the same, to help them understand more about the allergy itself and their response to it as they grow older.

We complete a healthcare plan for a child with an allergy. This enables the team to find out as much as possible about the allergy, allergic reactions and medicine that the child needs. For child who need an epipen, the staff will be trained by a specialised nurse for each individual case.

You are encouraged to visit both the cook and the team running your child's room, as many times as possible to make sure we have everything in place before they start and during their time with us.

We have experience in many allergies and will accommodate any dietary needs that will help the child.

We welcome your input to help us know more about the allergy that affects your family. Your child is the most important part of our nursery and we will give them all that you need us to, to maintain their safety.

LITTLE ANGELS NURSERY – THE TEAM

The Nursery -MAIN NUMBER 01249 821249

- **Rachel Everitt** – MD and Officer in Charge
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 - rachel@littleangelscalne.co.uk; everitt.m@sky.com
- **Matthew Everitt** – Director for all invoicing questions
 - matthewlittleangels@gmail.com
- **Laura Spruce** - Deputy Officer In Charge
- **Carla Randall & Sarah Martin** – Assistant Deputy Officers
- **Linda Holsman** – Nursery Cook
- **Roz Paton** – HR Manager

Little Cherubs Room

- Room Leader – **Sarah Martin**
- Nursery Nurse – **Josie Chivers & Nina Painter**

Little AngelsRoom

- Room Leader – **Carla Randall**
- Nursery Nurse – **Chelsey Coleman**

Little Stars Room

- Room Leader – **Laura Spruce**
- Nursery Nurse – **Natalie Hopwood**
- Nursery Nurse – **Kiara Lane**
- Nursery Nurse – **Nina Painter**
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Support Nursery Nurses

- **Alison Salsbury, Tianne Lane, Hannah Bishop**

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Room Guardians - Contact in confidence to give any feedback to the nursery anonymously via a third party

- The Little Cherubs Room Guardian is Susie Moore
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- The Little Angels Room Guardian is Clare Cashen
- clare.cashen@hotmail.co.uk
- The Little Stars Room Guardian is Charlotte Neale
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