

Little Angels Nursery September 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-Please add these now!

- **Tues 4th October Nursery Photographer**
 - Philippa Scaramanga is going to come to the nursery for the day to take photos of all the nursery children in a relaxed setting. She will photograph the children in the rooms or in the garden playing. We had her last year and everyone was very impressed at the quality of photos.
 - If your child does not attend the nursery on a Tuesday please speak to the room leader and arrange a time, for you to pop in.
- **Friday 21st October Funday**
 - for SANDs who raise money for stillbirths.
 - we will be holding a sponsored pyjama walk into town.
 - Cake stall.
 - Balloon release at 1pm.
 - Raffle.
- **Thursday 27th October Halloween Party**
 - 4.30 – 6.30pm
 - **Tickets available for sale from Laura. For £4.00.**
 - Fancy dress.
 - Games, prizes and party tea.
- **3rd November - Bonfire Night. (Please book with Laura)**
 - Come in your warm clothes for soup, sparklers and hotdogs.

- **Friday 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.
- **Thursday 17th November - Bedtime stories for pre school room**
 - **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!
- **Friday 18th November - Children in Need.**
 - We will be having a fundraising day - confirm next month!
- **30th November - Christmas Parents Social Evening.**
 - **At nursery from 7.30pm**
 - 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!

Please make sure you add these to your diaries so your children don't miss out!!

Parent Parking

Springfields have now extended their top carpark, this means that we now have more free spaces outside the nursery, for drop off and pick ups of children. Springfields do however ask that parents do not park beside the bus bays or outside Bowood house. Thank you.

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.

Book Sales

We have some books for sale again in the hall as you walk in. Please make sure you leave money for the books as if we don't have money the people won't leave them. All commission enables us to get books for nursery, so please help!

Welcome letters

By now you should have all received a welcome letter from your new room. Each room had a pigeon hole system where your child will have a pocket with their name on. This will hold any paper work we need to give you including invoices. Please check this regularly. Also please check bags for washing in the evening, and make sure all bags have change of clothes in.

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 available today

We have places available in each room at the moment;
Cherubs - Mon, Tues afternoon, Thurs Friday, all day.
Angels – Mon, Wed, Thurs afternoon. Friday all day.
Stars – Mon Tues Weds and Friday afternoons
Please speak to Rachel x

Change of details

Please make sure we are up to 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.

Student placement

We are welcoming students from Chippenham College from September, if you have any queries please ring Rachel on 07870 402366.

Staff Training

Rachel, Sarah, Carla and Laura are attending a ECAT training this month. (Every Childs A Talker.) This will help the staff with activities to teach the children better communication.

Laura is also attending a diabetes training at Chippenham Hospital.
Rachel is attending Equality and Diversity training.

Staff hours for September

Little Cherubs Room Sarah is settling back in well after maternity leave. She is working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8-6 with Nina covering her Wednesday. Josie will be working Monday to Friday 9-5.

Little Angels Room Carla will be working Monday to Thursday 8-6 with Friday off. Chelsey will be working 9-5 Monday to Friday.

Little Stars Room will have Laura as Room Leader, working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Tuesday off to go to uni. Kiara five days a week with Natalie working 3 days and Nina working 3 days including covering Laura's Tuesday day off.

We still have Alison Salisbury as our bank staff and you will see her a lot with covering holidays, and courses.

New Bank Staff

We have had Hannah Bishop start with us, as bank staff for the nursery, Hannah came to us last year from John Bentley on work experience, and has done lots of volunteering over the past year in various rooms. We welcome her over the summer as she joins us.

Christmas Closure

It's early, just to let you know we close for our Christmas Holiday at 6pm on Friday 16 December.
We re-open at 8am on Tuesday 3rd January.

You do not pay for our only holiday of the year!

Children moving rooms

We hope your child's transition into their new room has been successful. Please email Rachel your feedback to Rachel on rachel@littleangelscalne.co.uk

Reminder – Facebook

Please do not include any nursery website photos on your facebook profile. They can include other children whose permission we don't have and so breach our nursery social networking policy. As a reminder it says: Parents are strictly forbidden to put any photos of nursery children on any site which are taken at or around nursery, or a nursery event. Nor are they allowed to post any pictures of any team member on any site, in any setting. The Team and Parents are strictly forbidden to post any comments on any matter associated with nursery, without prior private approval from Rachel Everitt. Thanks for your understanding, as we always seek to safeguard our children.!

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

We will be focusing on getting to know the new children within the room, and helping them to learn the new routines and become more independent, with things such as feeding, toileting, snack etc.

Our topic this month is Ourselves, we will be filling out height charts, drawing pictures of ourselves, and finding out things about each other.

For Homework we are asking parents to send un photos of your child as a baby for us to display.

We will also be introducing our friend Sara from Kenya that we sponsor, we write letters to her and draw pictures.

Little Angels Room.

Our topic this month is All about me, we will be looking at ourselves and our friends. As well as introducing the children to the rules of the room, getting them settled in, helping them become more independent.

We are asking parents to send in photos of their childs family, including grandparents, pets and brothers and sisters.

Little Cherubs Room.

We will be settling our new babies in, and getting to know the mummies and daddies. We are having a sensory themed topic this month, having sand, water, shaving foam, pasta, bubble painting and baking activities. We will also be getting out in the garden with our beaters, to practise our sounds.

Donations of toys.

If you are having a sort out before Christmas then please keep us in mind for any donations, such as puzzles, role play equipments, baby toys etc.

Room Guardian Angels

We welcome new Room Guardian nominations for September on, as our current advisors move on. If you are interested in being a Guardian Angel please contact Rachel. The fundamental idea is that parents can talk directly and confidentially to the Guardian as a third party, instead of feeling uncomfortable speaking to Rachel about it.

The new Little Cherubs Room Guardian will be Suzie Moore her email is: susie.moore@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

There information and picture will be on the parents noticeboard soon!

African Angels

Rachel has returned safe and well, from her adventure in Uganda. If you are friends on Facebook, you would have followed her blog!

I left for Uganda on Thursday 28th July, saying goodbye to the family was very hard, they were very upset. I flew with four women, Miriam for Didgeridoo, Miriam's Niece and Bex, a nursery nurse from Malsmebury. We flew through the night and arrived for a day in a hotel to get ourselves together. We met the other part of the team, there were five lads from Liverpool who run a company playing sport with primary school children and a couple and a vicar who owns the company who had been there for three months already.

It was an amazing experience to work with children that have so little and are grateful for things such as time. I worked through the first week, introducing activities to the children such as collage, watercolor and making stain glass windows. The most amazing thing was to have a class of 15 year olds, who don't know how to use water colour paint and having to teach them how to use it. Also seeing their faces when they were given a mirror to see what they looked like when they did paintings of themselves!

We taught them many songs and they did some fantastic art work and on the Friday we held a celebration assembly where the whole school watched the classes what they had done.

We put the art work up in their classrooms, something they are not used to as they never display art work in the classrooms.

We spent the evening singing with them in the dormitories with Miriam and her guitar they loved it, especially when the electricity and so the lights went out!

We visited another school where Miriam and I hope to set up a charity up, as we want to take the school over and provide classrooms, running water and cooking facilities. We went to the school and took shoes and clothes for the children, we also asked the teachers what they needed, and we played games and football with them.

We managed to squeeze in a safari before heading back to Etebbe the capital. Where we spent a day with the street boys and played with them and gave out the food to them.

The whole 16 days has been amazing and left me many memories, especially how lucky we are to have safety, clothes, shoes, food and good education.

My plan now is to start fundraising to raise money to build another class as with that the government will take over the school and will fund the teachers wages. Then we need to provide water and get a container out there full of

clothes shoes and equipment. All this costs money so **we will be holding a Valentines Ball on 11th February 2012**, so book it in your diary now!

I then plan to go back in April 2013 with the family, to see the building and help with the teaching within the school.

I have put a display up on the stairs of you would like to look at the photos, I also have many photos on my Facebook page so please befriend me and you can view them at your convenience.

Funding Calendar from September 2011

- 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	Week not funded by Vouchers
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 – Vehicle Policy

Little Angels Nursery is situated in the grounds of Springfields School and we have to obey the rules of the site. Vehicles must NOT travel above the speed limit of 5mph. This safeguards both the pupils of Springfields and also your child in the car that you are driving.

When you have parked your car in one of the nursery spaces, the child must be walked across the car park in a safe fashion.

The child is your responsibility until they enter the nursery building and the door is closed behind them.

When leaving the nursery at the end of the session, the children must leave the nursery calmly, walking or having their hand held to prevent any accidents with motorists.

We try to have any deliveries between 9.30 and 11.15 or 1.30 to 2.45, therefore not interfering with drop off and pick up times.

The safety of your child is of utmost importance to us. Please help us by keeping strictly to the 5mph speed limit. This may be difficult in today's modern cars, but ensures you have a better chance of stopping in an emergency.

FEATURED POLICY – Volunteer Policy

At Little Angels we want the children to access as many experiences as possible, therefore we will have volunteers in from time to time, to help in different aspects of the children's day.

These will include story telling, music time, sports day, parents afternoon.

All Volunteers we have been enhance CRB checked before they enter nursery and are never left alone with the children.

They are managed at all times by the room leader.

FEATURED POLICY – Working with outside agencies Policy

At Little Angels Nursery we believe that communicating to other agencies is vital in the full development in a child.

We are happy to have professionals visiting the setting, e.g. health visitors, psychologists etc.

We also believe that communication through all the different settings the children may attend will make the education and care more manageable.

We will encourage the daily diary to be passed to other settings.

The staff from other settings will also be given the opportunity to come and have a look around us or invite ourselves to their setting.

We also visit all schools before the children leave to attend, therefore they will know the child before they start school.

LITTLE ANGELS NURSERY – THE TEAM

The Nursery - MAIN NUMBER 01249 821249

- **Rachel Everitt** – MD and Officer in Charge
 - Contact for all nursery matters, 07870 402366
 - rachel@littleangelscalne.co.uk; everitt.m@sky.com
- **Matthew Everitt** – Financial Director for all invoicing questions
 - matthewlittleangels@gmail.com
- **Laura Spruce** - Deputy Officer In Charge
- **Carla Randall** – Assistant Deputy Officer In Charge
- **Linda Holsman** – Nursery Cook
- **Roz Paton** – HR Manager

Little Cherubs Room

- Room Leader – **Sarah Martin**
- Nursery Nurse – **Josie Chivers**
- Nursery Nurse – **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**

Support Nursery Nurses

- **Nina Painter, Alison Salisbury, Tianne Lane, Hannah Bishop**

LITTLE ANGELS NURSERY – THE TEAM

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

- **Little Cherubs**
 - Susie Moore, Mum to Silas (Cherub)
 - Email susie.moore@hotmail.co.uk
- **Little Angels**
 - Clare Cashen, Mum to Oliver (Angel)
 - Email clare.cashen@hotmail.co.uk
- **Little Stars**
 - Charlotte Neale, Mum to Faith (Star)
 - Email charlottesimmons01@hotmail.com

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- **Andy Brand** – Electrical work 07881 657 570
- **Matty Bown** – Expert Painting and Decorating 07790 218 571
- **Kevin** – Goldman Frost Flooring and Interiors 07748 992 730
- **Sharon Foster** – Therapeutic Swedish Massage 07921 058 724
- **Phil Davies** – Assessment Centre Preparation 07920 140719.
- **Marc Fitchett** – Travel Counsellor 07970 971041
- **Kerrie** – Face Painter 01249 446686 or 07756 017780
- **Miriam Sawyer** - Didgeridoo Music 817596
- **Maggie Gibb** – Tots&Dots, Calne Evangelical Church 821754