

October 2011 Newsletter

12th September 2011

Dear Parents

We would like to welcome all the new children and their parents to the nursery and hope you settle well. The Pre-school room numbers have settled down to create a lovely calming room this will help to settle the Toddlers moving up and new Pre-school children.

Safari Day

Well what a fantastic day we had, thank you to all the parents and children that contributed to the day by dressing up. The children took a ride on the wild side in their Safari Jeep and came across many different African animals. At lunch time they indulged in South African Curried Lamb Boboti and enjoyed getting creative making animal masks. Please take the opportunity to look at the display in the main nursery corridor.

Parent's Evening

Please note there has been a change to the dates and the new dates are as follows;

**Tweenies and Toddlers - Thursday 29th September.
Pre-school - Monday 10th October.**

Appointment sheets will be placed on the base room door a couple of weeks prior to the evenings. If you book an appointment please make sure you are available to attend. Last minute cancellations are frustrating for the key people if the appointment cannot be filled at the last minute.

Free Entitlement

The dates for the Pre-school children receiving free entitlement is as follows for the Autumn Term: **Monday 5th September - Friday 21st October** and then **31st October - Friday 16th December**.

Grandparents Week- w/c- 3rd October

We are going to be taking part in celebrating National Grandparents week. It has been celebrated in the UK on the first Sunday in October since 2008. It is to recognise that Grandparents are important to children in so many ways. They have patience and time and they have stories to tell and interesting games to play. They are also good for treats and spoiling, which we all need from time to time! We would like to welcome your child's Grandparents into the nursery, where we will provide an activity session for them to take part in with their grandchild. As this will be quite a large event for us to organise we will be stipulating a specific day for each child's grandparent to come along. Please complete the attached slip and return it to your child's key person as soon as possible.

Diwali Day at nursery, The Hindu Festival of Lights - Tuesday- 25th October 2011

The Indian celebration is around the tradition of lights; the fireworks and exchanging gifts to loved ones. We invite you to dress your child in bright clothing or traditional Sari Suits. The activities will include talking about light and dark, good over evil and fireworks. We will taste Mithais- the tradition desert/sweets. The menu for the day will be curry and the children will have the opportunity to taste Samosas and Baja. The children will be listening to the story of Rama and

Sita and the Roman King. They will also take part in tradition dancing and listening to Indian music.

Halloween- Monday 31st October.

Due to such a high request last year from parents we will be having Halloween as one of our event days this year. We don't delve into the history of Halloween as we feel this is too complex and scary for the children. The day will entail lots of fun activities for the children such as apple bobbing, carving pumpkins and making bat dens. We emphasise the event around a fun day where the staff and children are welcome to dress up.

Nursery Photographer - Tuesday 1st November

We will be joined by a company called Prestige Portraits in the morning. We have had great feedback from parents previously and thought this would be a lovely opportunity for parents to use as Christmas presents. Please watch out for the poster on the door giving further details closer to the time and also in our next newsletter.

Children in Need- Friday 18th November 2011

The whole nursery will be getting into the spirit to raise funds on this day for a charity close to our hearts. Please watch out for further details of the event in the next newsletter.

Keeping us updated

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to personal contact details/ change of address etc. Please note any changes in writing and pass these onto the office.

Facebook

Please remember that our facebook page can keep you updated with notifications, we inform you of any special events, changes to the diary dates and generally what the children are up to. You can access our page by typing in La Petite Academy 'Education'. Just 'like' our page and you will receive regular updates.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

As you should be all aware here in the nursery we are working towards the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Within the Curriculum there are the six areas of Learning and Development that the children are observed in. Whilst each group has a focus, the practitioners relate the focus to each of the six areas. You will be kept updated about the focus your child is working towards and how we intend to carry out activities in relation to the six areas in your child's focus letter. You will also receive daily feedback from the practitioners regarding the activities which to the focus. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's key-person, the Co-ordinator of the room or myself if you require further information relating to the EYFS and your child. As part of providing a high quality of service and continuously working towards maintaining our 'Outstanding' practice, we require parents to have a good knowledge of how their child is working towards the Early Years Foundation Stage.

WOWS

Please, please, please remember to reward staff with a WOW when you feel they have provided you with exceptional service. Whether it be support and advice in an area with your child or helping out by going that extra mile! They truly appreciate the recognition. WOW vouchers can be found on the corridor display board (outside Pre-school-bottom door) in the plastic wallet. Once completed then please drop it into the office.

Social Event Day

Due to having to cancel the previous event afternoon (party in the park) in September we are reluctant to hold another outdoor event due to approaching colder/wetter weather. Therefore we

are looking at holding a social morning on **Sunday 27th November** at Jangala soft Play based in Hilton. The session would run from 9:00am-11:00am. We would have full exclusivity to the soft play for the first hour. It will give you as parents the opportunity to meet your child's peers and their parents. The costing per child would be £4.50p, siblings are welcome (height restriction 148cm). If you would be interested in coming along to the event then please complete the attached slip and return to the office as soon as possible. Once we have established the volume of interest in this event confirmation will be given and we will go ahead and book the venue. There will have a limited place of 60 children and it will work on a first come first served basis.

Kind Regards

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