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## **SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER 3**

### **Summer Term Focus**

Cubs will be continuing to focus on developing their personal, social and emotional skills, their physical skills, & language and communicating with others, this term; as well as their knowledge of colours, shapes, numbers & mark making.

Lions will be concentrating on transitions and readiness for school, in all the developmental areas of the EYFS. This will include various visits to the local infant schools for both parents and children.

### **Professional Photographs**

The professional photographer will be in on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9am** to take individual photographs of all the children, and then again on **June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.30am** for graduation & group photos of the Lions only.

**Siblings and/or parents are welcome to join the pre-school children for the individual photographs.**

If your child is usually in on the day of the photos, they will have their picture taken during the day anyway.

If your child is not usually in on the day of the photographs (or if you want a photograph taken with siblings for the individual photos), please bring your child / children in at 9.00am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and 11.30am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and the photographer will do these photos first. If it is not your child's usual day, you will need to remain with your child while they have their photographs taken to maintain adult : child ratios.

### **September Booking-In Forms & 30 Hours Funding Information**

Forms for parents to book sessions for September are attached. Present children get first choice of sessions, before we open them up to new children. If your child will be a Lion in September, we encourage you to book them in for Fridays as this is when we do more focused activities to support a smooth transition into school.

A reminder that we do accept the 30 hour funding, so it is well worth having a look at this online to see if you qualify. (Go to the gov.uk website and search for 30 hour funding early years.)

Also please remind your family, friends, neighbours, etc that we have vacancies at present and we accept children who are eligible for the 2 year old funding. (Again, go to the gov.uk website to see if you qualify.)

Please then complete the attached form and **return it no later than Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

#### **Shoes!**

Please note ... for their own safety, children are not permitted to wear open-toed sandals, or flip flops to pre-school. Please wear closed shoes, or sandals with closed toes to prevent unnecessary accidents.

#### **Suncream & Sun Hats!**

Please apply sun cream to your child **every day** before they come to pre-school. If the weather is hot, we will reapply sun cream at midday. If your child cannot use our sun cream, please give a named bottle of sun cream to a staff member to be kept for use on your child.

**Please also ensure your child has a sun hat every day, preferably one that shades their neck as well as their face.**

### Healthy Lunches

A reminder please to provide your child with a healthy lunchbox with minimal treats (not more than 2). Treats are crisps, cake, biscuits, etc. Please be aware that fruit substitutes like Fruit Winders are high in sugars & therefore count as a treat.

As the weather is now warming up, please put a thin, hard plastic icepack in your child's lunch bag (soft ones present a risk if your child chews it).

Please only give your child the amount of food that they usually eat (eg a small cake for treat). Giving too much choice can be confusing & overwhelming for children and extends the time they need to eat.

### Toileting for Lions

In the summer term, we focus on teaching the children to wipe themselves after using the toilet so that they are confident in doing this when they go to school. Please support your child by showing them how to wipe themselves after using the toilet and encourage them to do so independently.

### NAMES

To help your child (and us!) keep track of their possessions, please put your child's name on ALL their belongings (if you don't fancy sewing name tags on, a black Sharpie works well). This includes lunch bag, lunch boxes, drink bottles, change of clothing bags, hats, coats, cardigans, jumpers, socks, shoes, etc; in other words, any items of clothing that they might remove at pre-school. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!!!

This is a busy term, as always, and there are some events coming up that we are sure you will want to be at! More information on each event will follow ...

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May ..... Happy School Bags *(Thank you for your support)*
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May ..... Photographs - *individual and family (All invited 9am)*
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June inclusive ... Half Term Break *(pre-school closed)*
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June ..... Fathers' Day / Family Man's Day  
*(Please note change of date from previous newsletters)*  
*(from 9am to approximately 10.30am)*  
*(Dads, Grandads, brothers (over 16 years old), uncles - join us for continental breakfast and fun!)*
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June ..... Professional Photographs - *Graduation photos (Lions only)*
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July ..... End of year party *(All children invited - children only. Pre-School closes at 3pm as usual on Thursday & this is the end of the summer term for Cubs)*  
*(Please note, this is not the end of term for Lions)*
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July ..... Leavers' Final Fun Friday & Graduation  
*(Presentation - 11.45 for prompt start at 12 noon. All Lion parents & carers invited. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR YOUR CHILD)*  
*(End of term - pre-school closes immediately after our Graduation ceremony - approximately 12.30pm, for the Summer holidays)*