



Little Cherries Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2019

Dear Parent /Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and to the first newsletter of the spring term. During this term we will be settling several new children into the group. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their parents and carers. We want to make your child's time at Little Cherries a happy and fulfilling experience so please let us know if you have any concerns or questions. Any member of staff will be happy to help.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you to those who attended our EGM on Thursday 10th January, and to those who put themselves forward for positions on our committee. If you would like to put a face to the names, please look out for their pictures on the notice board in the main entrance (coming soon). Please find attached to this newsletter the annual report and accounts for the previous academic year.

We would like to thank all committee members who served last year for your contributions, time, and efforts through serving on our committee.

Our committee are:

Jennie Peacock- Chairperson
Caroline Bane - Secretary
Linling Zhang - Treasurer
Emily Walker
Lorna Torkington
Zainab Bharmal
Fahima Ali
Emma Smith
Louise Leonard
Kathirvelan Gianesan
Daniela Bagaglia
Silvana Koshaba

MANAGING SICKNESS



Over the last two weeks we have experienced an increase in illnesses such as colds, coughs, sickness and diarrhoea with both children and staff. This is simply because children and adults are able to mix with each other more often and therefore more likely to pick up any illnesses that are going round. If your child is not well for any reason please don't give in to the pressure of them asking to come in, or ask them if they want to come to pre-school.

Make the decision yourself as they are unable to know how they will feel later. This will help to protect the other children and staff in the group. All sickness and diarrhoea cases must be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Please also remember that if you are giving medicine that the child has not had before, we advise that the child should be kept at home for the first 48 hours to ensure that there are no adverse effects, as well as to give time for the medication to take effect. Please also be aware that calpol, or other such medication, given prior to their session has the tendency to wear off and can result in your child flagging and feeling unwell later in the session. Please inform us if you have administered any medication prior to the start of a session. In our experience children are much happier recovering quietly at home than in a loud, busy environment.

The manager or deputy manager reserves the right not to accept any child who is unwell into the setting. We will contact parents of a child who becomes unwell while in the setting, so that they can make arrangements to collect them at the earliest opportunity.



We want to inform you of our procedures in case we need to close due to bad weather.

In the event of bad weather we will be led by the decision of Bewick Bridge Community Primary School (BBCPS). Once I have notification of closure we will place this information at our earliest convenience on our website and send an e-mail, however we are aware that there is often a lot of electronic traffic at these times, and messages are sometimes slow to arrive. BBCPS will post a message on their school website (www.bewickbridge.com), and Cambridgeshire County Council website and also arrange for announcements to be made on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. Please listen to the radio for up to date information. Whilst every effort is made to keep the school open and running, there have been rare occasions when we have been forced to close the school during the day, especially if the weather suddenly worsens. You may need to decide what arrangements you will put into place so that your children may be collected should this happen. It is very important that we have correct information to enable us to do this. Therefore, if any of your contact details have changed, please make sure we have it on our records.

With cold weather and snow predicted over the coming days, could you please ensure that children have appropriate warm clothing for outdoor play. Having their clothing named would also be a great help.

Music Topic



During this half term your child will have opportunities to develop creativity, math skills, social skills, and self-esteem by exploring musical instruments and by listening to different genres of music. Your child will learn about different types of instruments and will have an opportunity to explore as many instruments as possible.

Do you play a musical instrument or have any musical talents? If you have we would like to invite you into the group to share those musical skills. This is not only a wonderful opportunity for your child to see and take pride in their own family, but also a terrific learning experience for the other children in our care.

Diary Dates:

Half Term: Monday 18th -22nd February 2019 - CLOSED

Staff Training Day - Monday 25th February - CLOSED

Return to Preschool-Tuesday 26th February

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Anita Yates
Manager

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