Little Cherries Newsletter
September 2019
Welcome

Dear Parent /Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Little Cherries and a very warm welcome to all our new children who will be arriving and settling in over the next few weeks. We hope that all the children will settle in well and make a great start to the new school year ! Like us we hope you are all looking forward to an exciting year of fun and learning with your children. We look forward to working with you all during your association with us.

Please remember we will always make time available to talk with you, no matter is too small. You can arrange to meet with your child's keyworker or myself however please be aware that during drop off and pick up the security of the children is paramount, and during these specific times we may not always be available.

I aim to send out a fortnightly newsletter by email. Newsletters are an important form of communication and will give you information about current and forthcoming events, curriculum activities, diary dates an any relevant information that we need to pass on to you.

Receiving our Newsletter
If you have received this Newsletter by e-mail and do not wish to receive it by e-mail, please let us know so we can remove your address from our mailing list. Alternatively, if you are reading this newsletter on paper and would prefer to receive by e-mail, again please let us know so we can update our system. Our newsletter is also available on the website (www.littlecherries.org.uk) and is on display outside the gate to Little Cherries.

SETTLING-IN
The first few weeks when a child is settling into an early years setting is a time of crucial importance to their later happiness in the setting. All children are individuals and while some children will adjust fairly easily to the new environment and new routines, others will take longer to feel comfortable and secure. Separation anxiety is a healthy and protective emotion. It is the child's way of saying "You are my safe base and I need to develop trust and confidence in alternate carers." Practitioners will have a vast amount of experience in helping children settle into the pre-school setting and are aware of the difficulties that can emerge during this transition period. If your child is taking longer to settle in than you had expected and you still have concerns, please discuss these with your child's key worker. Together you can agree on and put into place strategies to support your child during this time. For more information on our 'settling in policy' and all of our policies please visit our website.

PICKING UP TIMES
Our sessions run from 9-12 noon and 12.45 – 3.45pm. If a child is collected after their session time, a late fee of £5.00 for every 15 minutes (or part of) may be incurred. If you are running late or your child is not attending a session for any reason, please inform us by text, phone or email as soon as possible.

TAPESTRY LOGIN

For new parents, once your child has started you will receive an email to set up the 'Tapestry' online development journal account. This will need to be activated at your earliest convenience. Please follow the link which will ask you to set up a password. In the coming weeks you will then be able to look forward to seeing what your child has been doing whilst at Little Cherries. We welcome you to add comments to our posts and add photos of your own. If you have any problems or queries please speak to a member of staff.

INVOICES AND MAIL BOX Invoices will be emailed out week commencing
16th September. For those who wish to make their payments by cash or cheque, please place your payment in a named envalope and post in the secure posting box which   is located in the corridor entrance. This will be emptied on a regular basis.

As part of the Cherry Hinton Festival , we will be hosting a Festival Family Bingo. >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Tickets are available from Little Cherries Preschool, or call 07507 334785 to book.

Saturday 21st September

Festival Family Bingo

with Little Cherries Preschool

Venue: Cherry Hinton Village Centre
Time: 3.00pm–5.00pm
Price: Adults £3, 4–16 year olds £2, 0–3 year olds free

Eyes down for a full house!

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2020

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2020 begins on 12th September 2019. The national closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. We will be distributing an information leaflet to those families whose children are due to start school next September.

OPEN EVENING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

On Monday 4th November from 7pm we will be holding an open evening which will incorporate our AGM. More information will follow. Please put this date into your diary.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR 3YR FUNDING FORM?

Please inform us if you have not been asked to complete the relevant form for your child's 3yr funding. Eligible children are those who have turned 3 by 31st August 2019.

FUNDRAISING FOR LITTLE CHERRIES

EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

Little Cherries has registered with an internet website to raise money whenever you shop online. If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay and many more then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop! You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlecherries** for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, or by installing the easyfundraising toolbar, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. You can even save money with special offers and voucher codes. With Christmas not far off, this could be a great opportunity to effortlessly raise funds for Little Cherries.

Dates to remember:

Festival Family Bingo – Saturday 21st September

Staff Training Day- Friday 18th October – Closed

Autumn Half Term – 21st – 25th October - Closed - Return Monday 28th October

Open Meeting and AGM – Monday 4th November 7pm

Best Wishes

Anita Yates

Manager