



## Little Cherries Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent /Carers,

### FUNDRAISING FOR LITTLE CHERRIES

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Little Cherries is registered with an internet website to raise money whenever you shop online. If you already shop online with retailers such as Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Next, Screwfix, Debenhams, 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](http://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.



**Children in Need** takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We are inviting all our children to come to preschool either dressed in anything spotty or yellow, or bring in their teddy. A collection box will be available if you would like to donate towards the charity's work. Activities for this day will reflect a Pudsey Bear theme.

### Extra Sessions from January 2020.

If your child has turned 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December, they will be eligible for up to 15 hours of free Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) from January. If you would like to increase your child's sessions in January, please put in your request by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that some sessions have limited spaces and we may not be able to accommodate everyone's request. We will be allocating these places in accordance to our admissions criteria. If, after Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, spaces are still available, we will offer these out to children on our waiting list.

### Practicing the Fire Drill

Last week we practiced our own fire drill procedures and experienced an impromptu fire evacuation procedure activated by the school. Prior to the drill we talked about the process and how to stay safe resulting in the children and staff acting promptly. Please let us know if your child has had questions or concerns about this. The fire alarm can be very alarming so you might also want to talk about this at home.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you to those who attended our AGM on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 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  
Louise Leonard - Secretary  
Linling Zhang - Treasurer  
Emily Walker  
Lorna Torkington  
Daniela Bagaglia  
Kathirvelan Gianesan  
Emma Poulter  
Jasmin Hughes  
Amy Butterworth(Fundraiser)  
Suzuki Kuruppassery Poulouse (Fundraiser)  
Coral Poulter (Fundraiser)  
Eddie Gouveia (Fundraiser)  
Ana Lopes (Fundraiser)

## EasyPeasy

We are now several weeks through the EasyPeasy programme and we hope that you are enjoying the weekly games and activities. To consolidate learning for your children we also plan these activities into our week. These games and activities aim to build the skills your child needs to succeed at school and life. These skills include: speaking and listening, confidence and resilience, curiosity and creativity, getting on with others.



Matching Pairs



Tower of Hands



Lunch Time

## Tapestry

We hope that you are enjoying viewing your child's progress, and how much fun they are having. We welcome you to add comments to our posts and add photos of your own. If you have any problems or queries with tapestry please speak to a member of staff.

## Birthday Celebrations

At Little Cherries we feel it is important to help children develop a sense of pride, confidence and positive image about themselves, so we believe that celebrating Birthdays are important. We acknowledge children's birthdays using non food based activities that makes a child feel special. We celebrate as a class by singing "happy birthday" to the child during circle time. We usually take a photo of this, for their tapestry entry. We also give them a

card and sticker. Parents are advised if they wish to bring something special into the setting we only recommend fruit or some other suitable healthy snack to share. This is marketed as different and exciting by the staff which is viewed positively by the children as something to try and enjoy. We do not allow any cake or sweet related items brought in by parents to be consumed by any children whilst at pre-school.

Our philosophy is that the Parent should control and decide how many and what kind of 'treats' their child eats. There are also children in the setting with a wide range of food allergies and food intolerances.

If your child's birthday falls on the weekend or during holidays, please let us know when you would like us to celebrate their birthday.

### **Dates to remember:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Children in Need

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last day of term

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan:** First day of term

**17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half Term

Best Wishes

Anita Yates

Manager