

Earlybirds Newsletter

November 2018



News from the Earlybirds Team

It is that time of year where we start preparing for Christmas which will soon be upon us. Please don't forget our Christmas Fair at Newtown Soberton Infant School this Saturday from 1-3pm. There will be lots to see and do!

As you may be aware from our annual dates and events information, we are planning a short nativity performance on Friday 21st December in the school hall for approximately 9.30am and will be sending out more details regarding this in the near future. Our Christmas party will follow our nativity and if your child is not in setting that day, we very much hope they will still be able to attend both. Please remember an adult will need to stay with them as they are not included in our ratios.

Our Sparrows children will also be participating in part of Newtown Soberton's Nativity by singing some of the songs with them. We are not offering tickets for this event as it is designed as part of a Christmas experience for our children, rather than a performance in its own right. Parents will be able to hear these songs in our Nativity performance.

Children will also be able to participate in the FONS Christmas Shopping morning on Friday 7th December. They will be able to buy presents for family members and FONS will shortly be writing to you with further information regarding this.

On a different note, there will be a slight change to the dates of our reports and parent consultation week. This term's progress reports will be available on Tapestry from Friday 7th December and parent consultations will be held during the week of 10th December. Please speak to your child's key person to book an appointment time.

10th December is also our Christmas themed Stay and Play week and we are inviting parents into setting from 9-10am each morning and 2-3pm each afternoon to join their child for some special Christmas activities. If you would like to attend, please let a member of staff know as these sessions are available on a first come, first served basis.

Staff Members

Lucy Chambers – Leader and Safeguarding Lead
Marina Moro – Deputy Leader and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Anne Slade - SENCo and Pre School Assistant
Jane Waller - Pre School Assistant

Reminder

Please remember to close and bolt the gate that leads onto the main road.

Please do not park in the layby or on the zigzag lines at any time.

We are a NUT FREE pre-school.

Family Photos

As part of our Stick Man theme, we are asking all our families to provide a family photo for our children to use in setting. We would like to use it as a way of settling the children by enabling them to see photos of their familiar adults and also encouraging them to talk about their own family. Please could you pass these to your child's key person. Thank you for your support with this.

Session availability

If you would like to increase your child's sessions in the Spring Term, please look out for a letter regarding this towards the end of the autumn term.

Reminders

Now the weather is changing, children will need a named coat in setting to enable them to access the outdoors in colder weather. Please also provide a pair of named wellies as children will need these when playing with the water or in the mud kitchen. Finally, please help us by ensuring all your child's belongings are named.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2018

- **Wednesday 5th Sept - Friday 21st Dec**

Spring Term 2019

- **Monday 7th Jan - Friday 5th April**

Summer Term 2019

- **Tuesday 23rd April - Tuesday 23rd July**

Staff training INSET dates (pre-school closed):

- Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th Feb and Friday 21st June.
- Saturday 24th November 1-3pm Christmas Fair in conjunction with Newtown Soberton
- Friday 7th December Christmas Shopping morning organised by FONS
- Friday 7th December Reports to Parents
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th December Stay and Play Sessions (Christmas themed)
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th December Parent Consultation Appointments
- Friday 21st December 9.30am onwards Earlybirds Nativity and Christmas Party
- Friday 21st December 3.00pm Earlybirds closes for Christmas
- Monday 7th January 9.00am Earlybirds re-opens for Spring Term