



## Friendly Fish Newsletter January 2018

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter and a big welcome to the new children and families who have started this term- we look forward to working with you. Thank you for all the presents and cards received before Christmas.

We aim to work together to provide the best possible care for your child. Communication is key when working with small children, so please ensure you keep us up to date with new information or any changes that have happened at home.

This term one of our main focuses is going to be settling new children into the routine of the Friendly Fish room and for some getting back into the routine after the Christmas break. We will be encouraging your child to develop an understanding of the different areas of play and of the boundaries in the room. As you enter the room with your child, please help them to self-register with their key group colour fish.

Ideas to help your child at home-

- Sharing a story together.
- Encourage them to have a go at doing things for themselves such as pulling own trousers up.
- To begin to take turns and share.

Please keep an eye on the white board located just outside the Friendly Fish door. This is where you will find information about the following weeks focus activities. It is also where you will find information regarding staff holidays for example.

### This Term

During this term we will continue to look at the season winter exploring how we keep warm inside and out. Start trying to put on our coats and boots. We will also be introducing the children to our new mud kitchen kindly donated by Morgan Sindal the builders. We will discuss our feelings while celebrating Valentine's Day talking about what makes us happy or sad.

### Family Photo

Please could your child, bring in a family photo to share.

### Speech and Language

There is a drop in session for Preschool children run by East Coast Community Healthcare in Thetford at Kingsway Sure Start Children's Centre, Kingsway, Thetford, IP24 3DY. These sessions are on:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am -11:30am and

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am - 11:30 am

### Learning stories

Each child has their own Learning Story, this provides information on their progress and what they enjoy doing at Little Pirates. It is a great idea to share your experiences with us too, you may wish to bring in photos from your days out that we can add to your child's Learning Story. You can take your child's Learning Story home for a few days. When you wish to take this out, please speak to your child's key person.

### Illness and medication

If your child has been off with sickness or diarrhoea they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This is important so that other children and staff don't catch bugs. If your child is on or had any type of medication please make the staff aware. Medication cannot be given by Little Pirates staff, unless it is prescribed by a doctor. You will need to speak to Susan or Karen about this. Please do not put any medication in your child's bag.



#### Contact Information

It is very important that we have up-to-date contact information for you and all emergency contacts, if you have changed address or phone number please let us know so we have up-to-date records.

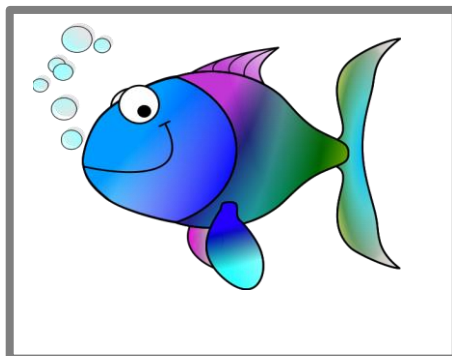


#### Trays

Please could all parents check and empty their child's 'Tray' regularly or you may miss important information about his/her care. This is where you will also find your child's creations, such as drawings and paintings.

### Mobile Phones

Please remember this is a mobile free zone. Due to the care and safety of the children you must not use your mobile on the premises.



### Snack



Milk, water and a light snack (usually fruit) are provided for children during each session. Please ensure you update us of any new allergies, to avoid any reaction.



### Named clothing

Please remember to name coats, bags and clothing. We have a lot of children in the setting and some children have the same or similar clothing. Without names and labels it is impossible for us to keep track of everybody's belongings.

### Sessions

If your child attends sessions only, can you please make sure you come at these times and not before as this could affect our staff to child ratios.

Our session times:

***7.30am -12.30pm***

***8.45am-3.30pm***

***12.30pm-5.30pm***

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Finally... If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to talk to any staff member within the Friendly Fish room. Thank you for your continued support.**