



Turtles Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome both children and parents/carers to Turtles.

Liz and Jo aim to work together to provide the best possible care for your child. Communication is key when working with young children, so please ensure you advise of us of any change in routine or circumstances that may affect your child's well-being whilst they are in our care.

This term

One of our main focuses will be to continue to settle the children in to their new room, learning boundaries and establishing friendships/relationships with their peers and familiar adults . We will also celebrate 'Valentines day' and continue on the theme of 'Getting to know you' by looking at 'Occupations/People who help us'. If you have any photos or items that show your occupation and it is something your child could talk about with the rest of group please bring this in and share with your child's Key worker.

Achievements

We are creating an 'Underwater' achievement display board to celebrate your child's achievements. Your child will be awarded with a starfish showing their achievement and this will be shared with the rest of the group during circle time and placed on display.

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 7th February 9:30am -11:30am and

Wednesday 7th March 9:30am - 11:30 am

Our Staff Work the following In the Turtle Room

Purple Key Group - Liz

Lunch time support - Glenda

Red Key Group - Jo

Support - Jess

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. If 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.

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.



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.



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.



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.

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