




Spring Newsletter 2019

A new venture

We have recently received permission from the Council to convert part of our front forecourt into a parking area for staff cars. This will involve a small amount of work but shouldn't impact on the arrival and departure of the children. The area will still be secure for all our little people to congregate in before the wooden gate is opened. Whilst we appreciate the need for parents to drive to the setting, please can we take this opportunity to remind you to park sensibly and with consideration for the local residents. We understand this has become more difficult since the introduction of the double yellow lines however the safety of our children and those at Meadowside Primary school must be our priority. 

Rising 5's

After half term we will be introducing the concept of Bucket filling to all the children. Look out in your book bags for the special slips to fill in when your children have done something that has 'filled your bucket'. More information will follow soon.

We also hope to invite parents in on rota duty throughout the month of March. The sessions are an opportunity for you to come in and see what happens during a session. The signing up sheet will be available in the lobby from next week and will be based on a first come first serve basis. No additional sessions will be available after this time as after Easter we will be fast approaching our transition programme.

It won't be long and you will soon all know which school your child will be moving on to continue their Early Years Journey. If you could let us know when you find out that would be great. With this in mind we do have places available on some days if you would like to up your sessions in preparation for the September.

Rising 3's

Our new Rising 3's have settled in well to life at Little Meadow and our existing children are keen to show them all the ropes. They are beginning to build up lovely relationships with other children and staff whilst beginning to show us all what they can do. We are beginning to match key people to the children and letters will soon be out letting you know who will be working with you and your child now and hopefully through Rising 5's as well. With that in mind, it is that time of year we look ahead to September and the allocation of pre-school places. Look out for your request for places letters and please return them as soon as possible. If you have any questions about September please speak to a member of the team.


Change of date.....

Due to essential mandatory training we have had to add some inset days into the academic calendar. The summer term for Rising 5's will now finish on **Wednesday 17th July**, and Rising 3's on **Tuesday 16th July**. Our website www.littlemeadowgroup.co.uk contains all our term dates and other information, including copies of latest letters

Thank you.....

Thank you for supporting our Christmas activities and we hope you enjoyed our performance. We were all super proud of all the children who put on an amazing show and were only sorry we didn't have room for any extra tickets this year. Those of you in the room will appreciate how tight we were for space with some people needing to stand.

Thank you for supporting our Penny Pot scheme once again this term, a few pennies every couple of weeks soon add up. These pennies alongside the raffle we held at Christmas and Commission from DSP Photography meant we were once again able to ask Brandon's Murals to come and redecorate our very tired looking lobby. We hope you

have all had the opportunity to come in and have a look. 

A message from Joyce

Joyce is not going to be here for a few weeks in the run up to and after half term. Sharon will be taking over purple group for this time. Whilst she is away she has asked us to build up her supplies in room 2. We are especially in need of yoghurt pots and plastic containers such as takeaway boxes or those such as mushrooms or fruit come in.



A few things to remember



Please send your child in with their blue book bag every day. It is an essential means of communication with you and also good practice for when the children go to school.

Names should be in most removable clothes, all coats, hats and scarves, and especially in any playgroup jumpers or cardigans. If writing it in, please regularly check that it hasn't faded due to washing.

Please inform the office of any changes to mobile telephone numbers or contact details that we need to know.

If you send your child into setting in wellies, please provide a change of footwear as it can be quite uncomfortable to spend the whole session in them.

Please try not to use your mobile phones in the playground. The children come out with lots of exciting things to tell you.

Term end for both Rising 3's and Rising 5's on Friday 15th February and we return on Monday 25th February.