

Newsletter

Welcome to our final term this year.

Firstly some exciting news:

Extra curriculum

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of Monsieur Patrice Legros, who is experienced in leading childrens outdoor play in early years. He will be coming in every Wednesday morning to do activities from 10.30 to 11.45 am. All children will be included in the first half of the lesson, and extended activities will be offered to older children at the end of the session. Of course, any younger children who are not tired and still keen will be included in the latter half of the session. To facilitate this, can all children please bring in their labelled wellies in a NAMED bag. These can be hung on their pegs for the week and taken home at weekends. As lessons will take place irrespective of the weather, could children bring in appropriate waterproofs if rain is forecast?

M.Legros comes highly recommended and has been working in Forest School at various settings in Warwickshire, including Merrydays Montessori. May I reassure everyone that he has been enhanced CRB checked and that there will be **at least** two of us with him at all times. He will never be left with any child by himself at any time.

Clothing

PLEASE, please ensure that every item of clothing, including wellies and shoes are labelled. We are having a lot of difficulty identifying sweatshirts that have been taken off in the warm weather, as many have no name labels.

Outside work

As soon as the weather gets warm, we will be expanding the classroom to free flow outside area. If the sun is going to be strong, please ensure that adequate sun cream has been applied to your child.

Growth and nature activities this term

- 1.The children have planted, and are looking after potatoes, which we hope to harvest after half term.
2. Children will be planting sunflowers from next week and looking at the growth progress of the plant.
- 3.The children are looking at the life cycle of frogs. We have tadpoles which are growing fast and when they have turned to frogs, will be set free in Mrs. Rogers's pond.
4. Butterfly caterpillars have been ordered to arrive after half term so that the children can observe the developing stages of the life cycle. We will release the butterflies a couple of days after they are fully formed.
5. All children have been weighed and their heights measured in the first week of this term. We will do the same again at the end of term so that they can see how much they have grown. As part of the growth theme, we are aiming to make a little booklet for each child. It would be wonderful if every child can bring in a photograph of themselves when he or she was a baby. Please put their age (on the photo) at the back of the photograph. All photographs will be scanned and returned to you. Alternatively, you can e-mail a photograph of them as a baby to raju@little-learners.co.uk. Sending photos by e-mail would be more preferable and convenient. All photos sent by e-mail will be deleted as soon as they are printed,

Radio interview

Mrs. Surelia was invited to talk about Little Learners and Montessori education on BBC radio WM (Joanne Malin show) during the Easter break. It is good to know that Montessori is getting more recognised in the Midlands ☺

Water bottles

All children have their own identifiable water bottles that are refilled daily. They are readily accessible and children can help themselves whenever they are thirsty. The bottles will be sterilized in Milton solution and replaced regularly.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you very much to all parents who are collecting these vouchers. We will be ordering equipment from Tesco and Sainsbury in July.

Dates for your diary

Parent consultation meetings

Please make an appointment that is convenient for you. The appointment list will be on the door from Tuesday 27 April.

Wednesday May 26 School Group Photograph

Can all children please come to school in the correct school uniform – polo shirt, sweatshirt or fleece and **BLUE** or **BLACK** bottoms. The bottoms can be trousers, shorts or skirts. Black or blue shoes only please. Please note that there will be no obligation to purchase the photograph.

Friday July 9 End of Term Party

All children are invited, irrespective of whether they normally attend on Friday or not. The children **do NOT need to come in school uniform on this day**. Please note that **there will be no afternoon session** so can all children be collected at 12 o'clock.

We would like take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun filled and relaxing summer break.

Thank you from: Mrs. Surelia, Mrs. Eade, Mrs. Higgs and Mrs. Rogers