

Little Acorns Nursery School



PART OF THE LAURELS GROUP OF NURSERIES

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Christmas Newsletter 2011

Festive Dates for your Diary:

From **Thursday 1st December** our bright red Christmas post box will be available in the entrance hall offering a daily postal service for the children to send Christmas cards to their friends and letters to Father Christmas. Daily collection by the elves at 9.30am

On **Thursday 22nd December** a Christmas party has been arranged for Sweetpeas, Buttercups & Daisies from 3.00pm.

On **Wednesday 21st December** the children in Sunflowers, Poppies and Bluebells will be holding their fancy dress Christmas party from 2.30pm.

Parents, if your child does not attend Nursery during these sessions, you are most welcome to bring them along and stay to join in with the festive fun.

Carols by Candle Light

Our annual Christmas Carols by candle light concerts in the garden will be held on **Monday 19th December** for those children in Poppies and Sunflowers and on **Tuesday 20th December** for Daisies and Bluebells children. Both concerts will start at 3pm.

Parents or Grandparents are very welcome to come along and enjoy a warm mince pie and mulled fruit punch whilst joining in with the carols!

Christmas Lunch!

Val, our Nursery cook, will be preparing the children a delicious traditional Christmas lunch on **Monday 19th December**.

Christmas Performance

'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

The children in Poppies and Sunflowers are enthusiastically rehearsing their seasonal production about a little angel who saves Christmas. The performance will be held on **Wednesday 14th December** at 3pm.

Parents will receive invitations for the performances nearer the time.

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Christmas Craft Workshop

Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us to the share the fun at our festive workshop on **Thursday 1st December**. Glitter proof clothing essential as we will be making Christmas decorations, reindeer hats cooking festive treats. A letter is winging its way to you with more details.

Festive Activities

Amber, Lisa and Jody together with the preschool children will be creating an Elves workshop in their role play area.

The younger children will be decorating angels and discovering the delights of our festive treasure baskets and everyone will be making Christmas cards and calendars to take home.

Wish upon a Star!

This year we will be handing out special stars for the children to decorate at home and make a festive wish.

They can then return their stars and hang them on our Christmas tree so all their wishes can be shared with everyone at Nursery.



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Fees 2012

We are delighted to be able to confirm that there will be no increase in fees at Little Acorns Nursery in January!

We have given the matter a great deal of thought and we bear in mind the very difficult climate that everyone is facing, but we do not wish to make parents and carers financial balancing act more difficult by adding to their existing childcare costs. The freeze in fee scales will be put in place until October 2012 when it will be reviewed when we know the extent of the Governments minimum wage figure which has the main effect on our own costs as a business.

Staff News

Jody, Katie and Mia are all up to date following a full days training on child protection.

A group of staff have attended a 'Muck and Wellies' course offering great ideas to involve the children in gardening activities what ever the weather.

An exciting new course is now available for the baby unit staff to attend which promotes babies brain development through exploration and play.

Additions to our Nursery Group

We are delighted to be able to announce that, on the 28th October, we purchased a company called Childspace Limited which has three Nurseries based in Leicestershire.

The new Nurseries are located in Oadby, Narborough and on the Knighton Road in Leicester and all have the "Childspace" name as part of their ownership.

Welcome to all staff and parents to The Laurels Group of Nurseries!

LISA AND ALL OF HER TEAM AT LITTLE ACORNS WELCOME THE INVOLVEMENT AND FEEDBACK FROM ALL PARENTS AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THE NURSERY THE NUMBER ONE CHOICE FOR CHILDCARE IN THE STONEYGATE AREA

Please note the following important information!



Freepainting in Sweetpeas Room!

Winter Clothing

Parents, during the cold winter months please can you send your child to Nursery fully prepared to enjoy outdoor activities in suitable warm clothing and footwear. Please don't forget to clearly label your child's belongings.

Christmas & New Year Holidays

The Nursery will be closed over Christmas and New Year on the following dates:-

Monday 26th December,
Tuesday 27th December and
Monday 2nd January.

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who helped us raise a grand total of £219.34 for Children In Need!



Nikki and the children from Bluebells enjoying a fire engine visit!



Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year
From us all at
Little Acorns Nursery