

# Little Foxes Day Nursery



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## Christmas Newsletter 2011

### Festive Dates for your Diary:

From **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** a fancy dress Christmas party has been arranged for all the children in the Nursery between 2.30pm and 4pm.

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

### Carols by Candle Light

The children will be singing Christmas Carols and festive songs by candle light in the out door play area on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** from 3.15pm.

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



### Christmas Lunch!

Arushi, our Nursery cook, will be preparing the children a delicious traditional Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Other Christmas Activities

Our role play area is being magically transformed in to 'Santa's Workshop' and we are planning lots of traditional Christmas activities for the children to enjoy. The 2's to 5's will be practicing their writing skills as they write their letters to Father Christmas and will be very creative using lots of glitter, tinsel and glue as they make Christmas tree decorations, Christmas cards and calendars and bake mince pies.

The children will also be learning the words to festive songs and listening to Christmas stories.

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### Other Christmas Information to Note!

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** we will be displaying the children's pictures in a winter art gallery setting in the outdoor play space.

The 'gallery' will be open from 3pm and a special picture by each child will be displayed.

### Christmas & New Year Holidays

Parents please remember that the Nursery will be closed on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December** and on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**.



We celebrated Diwali at Nursery, the children made diva lamps, decorated rangoli patterns and created traditional masks.



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## Fees 2012

We are delighted to be able to confirm that there will be no increase in fees at The Little Foxes Day 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 all 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

We welcome Claire back from her maternity leave, she is now based in the 2's to 5's working alongside Shamira and Amanda.

All our good wishes go to Sarah Hudson as she starts her maternity leave.



Jack is

exploring the mini beasts outdoors

## Please note the following important information!

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO FILL IN A "PARENTS/CARERS VOICES" FORM TO RECORD SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES OR DEVELOPMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS, HOLIDAYS OR TRIPS AND FAMILY INTERESTS TO ADD TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY.**

### 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.

### Donations for children and families in third world countries'

We are currently collecting donations of small items & gifts to pack in to shoe boxes which we will be posting to children and families in third world countries in need of aid.

### Jeans for Genes Day

We would like to thank all our Parents for their kind donations which helped us raise £64.00 on Jeans for Genes Day.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Little Foxes Day Nursery!

### 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!

## Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who helped us raise a grand total of £108.60 for Children In Need!

**Our 'Star' employee this month is Amanda who has been nominated by her colleagues. Well Done!**



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The children dressed up as their favourite book characters for World book week.



The children enjoyed a tea party and fancy dress day at nursery for Halloween.