



Wow can not believe we are in the spring term already, we would like to welcome some new children who have joined little Gems this term Gracie, Noah and Oliver, we hope you enjoy your time at Little Gems and make lots of new friends; we look forward to watching you all grow.

We would Like to Wish Miss Katie Linham all the best on her maternity leave, I know the children and staff will miss her lots, but we are looking forward to meeting her new Baby girl when she arrives in April for lots of cuddles.

We would like to welcome Christina, who is taking over from Miss Katie Linham while she is having her baby.

Very exciting news we have begun to order equipment for our sensory garden, and it should be delivered and installed by the beginning of Easter. It will be lovely for you all to be able to see what we have used the fundraising money on, that you helped raised in our danceathon. This will include a sit in sandpit, sit in digger area, a loft den and planters. This will give the children the opportunity to explore the outside world and to learn about growing and planting.

Unfortunately the date of the ducklings visiting has had to be postponed from the 28th March to May 17th 2022. However this will still give the children the opportunity to see the ducklings hatch, watch how they grow, see them learn to swim and take care of them; we know the children will love them.

We love to celebrate how well the children are doing, within the Pre School we have a wow board where we like to put up wow moments of something the children have done within Pre School and also at home. If your child has done something that has made you go wow please can you share this with us so we can put it on our board and celebrate with the other children.

We like to plan our activities through what the children's interests are so that the children can be fully engaged and enjoy our learning, please can you let your child's key worker know what your child enjoys doing, so that we can plan these activities into our planning.

Please can we remind everyone that our pick up times are **3pm**. If you, could arrive about 5 mins early it would give staff enough time to see children out and to give you feedback about how your child has been that day and what they have been up to and to vacate the building at 3pm. This will allow staff to pick up their own children from school and the cleaners can get in to clean the room.

Unfortunately if you are more than 5 mins late a late charge will apply. We thank you for your co operation with this.

Please can we ask that the children do not bring in any **NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS** in their snack or lunchboxes, this includes Nutella as we have a child with a severe nut allergy within the Pre School.

Please can we ask that all children bring in a Named water bottle every day, spare clothes in a bag and everything to be Named as you can imagine lots of children have similar clothing, shoes etc.

Thank you to all parents that have filled out the questionnaire for us and giving us feedback about your thoughts and feelings about Little Gems, we appreciate you taking the time and we will look into all that has been said so that we can improve on the service we already provide.

Inset days

Friday 8th April 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Term dates

Easter Holiday Monday 11th April- Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer half term Monday 30th May- 3rd June 2022

Summer Holiday Friday 22nd July- Wednesday 31st August 2022