

# Little Acorns Pre-School

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## Newsletter No.1 - September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big warm welcome to all the new children and families joining us at Little Acorns and welcome back to all our existing children and families. We hope you all had a lovely Summer.

**Topic for this half term** - This half term's topic is "Me and My family, Autumn and Light". We will be learning about our likes/dislikes, favourite toys and games, our families and people that are important to us, Family traditions, Autumn leaves, colours and animals, Diwali {Festival of Light}, Light and Dark {Day/Night} and making Dens.

**Packed Lunches** - At Little Acorns we promote healthy eating, and we are working hard to teach your child about healthy food choices and the importance of exercise to look after our bodies. Please could you ensure that you are giving your child healthy food items in their packed lunches. Also, please can you remember to encourage your child put their lunch box on the Lunch Trolley when they enter the Preschool in the morning.

**Also, please do not send your child in with any food products that contain any form of Nuts in their lunch boxes, as we have children in the setting with a potential Nut Allergy.**

**Snacks** - Thank you for bringing in snacks for the children to share together at snack times. **Please continue** to bring in fresh fruit, vegetables including cucumber and tomatoes, cheese twists, crackers or breadsticks as these foods support our healthy eating ethos.

**Start/Finish Times** - The nursery day begins promptly at 9am and we open the door at **8:50am**. The morning session ends at 12pm and the afternoon session begins at 12pm. The nursery day finishes at 3pm. Please be **prompt** when dropping off/collecting your child at the beginning and end of their sessions. We appreciate on RARE occasions, there may be a reason you are late dropping off/collecting your child but when you arrive late, we have to release a member of staff to come down and open the gate, which means we are out of ratio in the setting. If you are late regularly, you **will** be charged for the session {£6 per hour for 2-Year-olds and £4.75 per hour for 3/4 Year olds}.

**Stay and Play** - We are holding a Stay and Play session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9am - 10am. This session provides an opportunity for you to engage in activities with your child at the setting and have an informal conversation with your child's Key Person if you wish to.

**Committee Vacancy** - We currently have a vacancy for a parent representative on our Nursery Committee. The role would include attending meetings to discuss the running of the Preschool, so it is a great opportunity to express your views on what is working well in the setting or areas you feel could be improved. The meetings are held five times a year currently and from 1.30-2.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please speak to Sarah or Shola.

**Starting School September 2025** - If your child is due to be starting school in September 2025, you will shortly receive details in how to apply for a school place.

**Parent Meetings** - We will be holding Parent Meetings throughout the week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. There will be sign-up sheets to book a timeslot on the Preschool front door from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings provide an opportunity to see your child's Learning Journal and talk to your child's Key Person regarding their development.

**Individual Photographs** - On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 11:15am, we have Yellow coming into to take Individual photographs of the children. If your child does not attend Pre-School on this day and you would like their photograph taken, please speak to Sarah or Shola.

**Peg Wallets** - Every child has a named Plastic Zip Wallet on their peg. This is for Artwork that has been completed by your child. Please take the Artwork out of the folder and take it home but **LEAVE** the folder on your child's peg. Thank you.

**Christmas Performance** - Our Christmas Performance to parents will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. More details to be revealed after half term!

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play Session 9am - 10am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual Photographs - 11:15am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day before Half Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to Pre-School
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Meetings
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term

**Little Acorns Team**

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