



# Newsletter

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## Term 3

The children and staff have settled back into our routine following Christmas and a snowy start to the term. We have found plenty of ways to keep warm both inside and out. We have been looking at the weather and talking about how the animals and birds survive during the cold winter months.

Our apple tree has been moved up the slope so we can see birds feeding on the birdseed cake we made for them. One or two birds have been brave enough to sample the delicious treat but we think they may be more keen when we are not around!

You should all have received an invitation to our Chinese New Year Party on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please wear red. The children are very excited to show you their Dragon Dancing to Chinese music. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The following items are points of interest, information or reminders for the future.

### **Chinese New Year Lantern Parade**

Please join us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Trinity Theatre at 5pm for the Lantern Parade which ends at St Barnabas Primary School.

## Lunch Boxes

We store your children's lunch in our fridges as this keeps the food chilled during the morning. Please can you ensure that your child's lunch is in a one plastic box which is named. If there are additional items such as drinks please name these also. This would help us keep your child's lunch safely.

We aim to ensure, in accordance with government guidelines that the children have a healthy diet. We urge all parents and carers to have a close look at the quantity and type of food that is provided for this important meal of the day. Suggestions for healthy eating lunch boxes can be found on the internet, for example [http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mostof\\_childrenlunchbox.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/mostof_childrenlunchbox.shtml) or if you are uncertain please chat to Hilary or Pippa.



## Outside Play

We have a lovely outside play area and we aim to use this area every day in all types of weather for appropriate play activities.

At this time of year the weather is often wet, cold and unreliable. However, we will offer each child the opportunity to play outside during each session. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear so that they are able to spend time outside. Hats, scarves, gloves, wellies (inside shoes are also required), waterproof, warm coats, all in one snow suits are ideal.

A change of clothes is essential for each child. We do have a supply of spare clothes but would appreciate your co-operation in bringing a complete change of clothes for your child to each session they attend. If your child has borrowed clothes from the Pre School we would appreciate their prompt return.

**PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD  
BRINGS TO PRE SCHOOL.**

We would appreciate additional spare clothes for 3 and 4 year olds.

## Little Forest Children's Centre

Catherine Sagers - is our Community Involvement Worker based at Little Forest Children's Centre, Sherwood which is our Children's Centre. She visited us during the first few weeks of term. It is intended that Catherine will spend more time with us, getting to know families who attend the Pre School and offering support and information.

We also have weekly support from the Early Years Qualified Teacher Michelle Suddes, who is also based at Little Forest Children's Centre. Her role is to support the setting in delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. All early years settings have access to similar support throughout Kent

### Dates for your Diary

Chinese New Year Lantern Parade - 13 February 2010  
End of Term 3 - 12 February 2010  
Beginning of Term 4 - 22 February 2010

**Please note a change to the end of Term 4**  
Last day of term will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Beginning of Term 5 - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
End of Term 5 - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Beginning of Term 6 - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
End of Term 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010