



# Little Colliers Nursery

## Autumn 2017

### Newsletter



A big welcome to all of our children and families who have returned after the summer break, as well as our new starters. We are looking forward to working with you over the next academic year.

Both Toddler Room and the Pre-School Room began the year focusing on 'All about me', discussing what makes us unique and celebrating our differences. Our focus will now move onto Autumn. We are planning on taking the children on a walk to the local park to see the changeable features in the environment and search for conkers and pine cones over the coming weeks. We will also be holding some stay and play sessions to celebrate Halloween (See diary dates overleaf). If you would like to add to your child's learning journey, we have WOW moment sheets, special days out sheets and a variety of celebrating festivals sheets located in the foyer for you and your child to complete at home.

As we are starting to experience the wet and cold weather, can we ask that children have appropriate clothing, hats, gloves and scarfs at nursery for children to access the outdoor provision.



### Time for two's

#### Time for Two's/NEF Funded children

Please ensure children who are accessing funding at Little Colliers arrive and depart at their specified time.

Due to staffing ratio's set by Ofsted these must be adhered to at all times. Children who access their funded hours over meal times are now required to pay for meals. The prices of these are Breakfast-£1, Lunch-£3 and Tea-£1.



#### Staffing Update

We welcome Jess back from maternity leave who will be based in our Pre-School Room. We now have a new staff family tree to help you familiarise yourself with nursery staff situated in the foyer area.



#### Reminders

Can all parents/carers please check their child's peg for any letters. Copies of all letters sent out to parents are also displayed on the table situated in the foyer area. Invoices will be continued to be distributed personally from the management team on the front desk.

## Dates for Diary

Tuesday 3rd October– Nursery to close at 5pm  
23rd-27th October– No funding for 30 hours and 15 hours funded children  
Tuesday 31st October– Halloween fancy dress, Pre-School stay and play craft sessions 9-10am and 1-2pm  
Tuesday 7th November– Parents evening 5.30-7pm. Letter to follow  
Monday 13th November– Friday 17th November– Children in Need week. Children to wear P.J'S £1 donation  
Tuesday 5th December– Nursery to Close at 5pm  
Tuesday 12th December– Pre-School Mince Pie morning 9-10.30am  
Thursday 14th December– Pre-School Mince Pie afternoon 1-2.30pm  
Friday 15th December– Funding ends for 30,15 and 12 hour funding  
18th-2nd January 2018– No funding for 30,15 and 12 hour funded places  
Thursday 21st December– Nursery closes for Christmas 6pm  
Wednesday 3rd January 2018– Nursery re-opens



## Staffing Structure

Acting Manager– Donna Hurdman  
Acting Deputy Manager– Jude Gripton

### Toddlers

Becky, Paige, Belinda, Abbey, Ann,  
Lauren, Lisa

### Pre-School

Jude, Keeley, Laura, Hannah, Bex, Jess  
Ben, Kate, Shannon

### Support staff

Mandy, Diana, Sarah, Zoe, Michelle,  
Tony

## Halloween

Children are welcome to dress up for Halloween on Tuesday 31st October 2017, but may we ask that costumes are not scary e.g. no scary masks.

There will also be fruit and sweets located in the foyer area for children to help themselves.

Pre-School will be holding a stay and play session with parents/carers to get involved in lots of art and craft activities with their child. If you would like to attend one of these sessions please speak to a Pre-School member of staff.

Session times-

9-10am and 1-2pm



## Funding Dates

Nursery will be closed for 30 and 15hr funding from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October.

Nursery will close for 30hr, 15hr AND 12hr funding from Monday 18th December to Tuesday 2nd January.

If you would like your child to attend during W/C 23rd October or between 18th-21st December, please book them in at the front desk. Please note nursery will be closed to all from Friday 22nd December till Tuesday 2nd January. Nursery will reopen Wednesday 3rd January 2018.



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