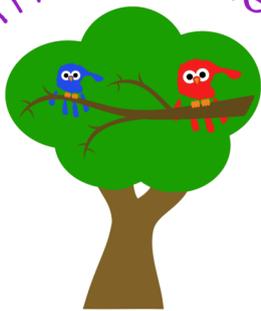


Little Learners



Newsletter

October 2020

Learning together, having fun!

It has been lovely to welcome all our Little Learners and Greenhall families back from September. Whilst we still find ourselves in such unprecedented times I would like to share my sincere thanks to the staff for all of their hard work, you as parents for the support you have given and to the children for being the truly amazing individuals they are.

Thank you for your feedback in terms of the changes in the way we are reporting on a daily basis to our Pre School children. We are continually looking at ways to improve our communication and to ensure that you as parents feel part of your child's learning journey. We will now continue to look at ways of communicating with our parents of our toddlers and our babies. Your views are important to us and we appreciate you taking the time to help us to be the best that we can be to ensure we deliver the highest quality of care and early education to your children.

We have loved reading all the proud clouds that have been sent back to Nursery over the last few weeks and have enjoyed sharing your children's special achievements. Thank you also for all the Harvest donations, these will be sent off to the House of Bread at the end of the week.

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors, I would like to welcome Neil Sinclair to our governing body as a parent governor. Neil comes with a wealth of experience both in his working life and as a parent.

Welcome

We have welcomed a number of new members to our staff team as our Little Learners family has continued to grow. Over the summer we welcomed Sian, our baby room lead, Becky who has worked across our provision, Molly has joined us more recently and Chloe will be joining us over the holidays. Amanda has also joined us as a lunchtime supervisor. The staff come with a wealth of experience and are eager to get to know the children and their families.

Steph and Lynsey who are members of our Little Learners team are embarking on an exciting change and are being welcomed to our Greenhall Team to support our growing cohort. You will still see their faces around Little Learners and we are excited for them to share their skill set across both provisions.



Little Learners Team



Jo

Headteacher & Manager



Rebecca

Acting Headteacher & Acting Manager



Natalie

Assistant Head & Deputy
Manager



Katie

Room Lead



Sian

Room Lead



Bernie

Room Lead



Lynsey

Nursery Staff



Sharon

Casual Staff



Dawn

Nursery Staff



Lauren

Nursery Staff



Renae

Nursery Staff



Steph

Nursery Staff



Becky

Nursery Staff



Molly

Nursery Staff



Chloe

Nursery Staff

What is Phonics?

We begin to formally expose our children to phonics from around two. This begins purely by exploring and listening to different sounds. This could be instrumental sounds, body sounds or environmental sounds. In Pre-School we then begin to expose the children to a letter sound a week, thank you for your support in providing objects for our letter of the week.

We will also begin to send out picture books for our Pre-School children to support them in their early language and reading skills. More information will follow.

We are really impressed with how aware the children have become of listening and responding to sounds.

School Application

Is your child going to be starting Reception in September?

The application process for a Reception place for September 2021 will open on 1st November 2020.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online.

Further information can be found on

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

The closing date is 15 January 2021.

If you would like to discuss any of your options or would like further support please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

October Half Term 2020

Greenhall reception staff will be taking a well-earned break over the half term so it may take us a little longer to answer the phone than usual. However, we have a phone that will receive external calls in an area close to the children and a doorbell that we can hear across the nursery so we are confident that you will be able to contact us. If your child will not be in nursery, please phone 01785 246159 and leave a message on the answer machine. Please remember to let us know if your child will not be in nursery as this helps us to fulfil our safeguarding procedures.

Diary Dates

Mon 26th October-Fri 30th Oct—Half-term

Nursery CLOSED to term-time only pupils

Tuesday 24th Nov – Parent/Teacher consultation
Toddler Room– More information to follow

Thursday 26th Nov – Parent/Teacher consultation
Pre-School Room– More information to follow

Monday 30th Nov – Parent/Teacher consultation
Baby Room– More information to follow

Christmas holidays

Nursery CLOSED to all pupils

Thursday 24th December 2020 until
Sunday 3rd January 2021

Christmas holidays

Nursery CLOSED to term-time only pupils

Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Concerned about a child in Staffordshire?

Phone First Response on

[0800 1313 126](tel:08001313126)