



Leapfrogs Pre-School and Nursery



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Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and ready for a busy new term. The sports and Graduation afternoon last term was thoroughly enjoyed by all and well done to all the children as well as all mummies and daddies who participated. During the holidays we have tidied the outside area allowing more room for outdoor class activities. Our side entrance has a revamp, with welcoming photos displayed.



This terms planning and activities

This half term we are focusing on places.



- Week 1 - The Zoo
- Week 2 - Wild West
- Week 3 - Seaside
- Week 4 - Cities and Towns
- Week 5 - Mountains and Volcanos
- Week 6 - The park
- Week 7 - Forest and Woodland

Congratulations Hannah

We congratulate Hannah on the birth of her new baby boy, Finley. Both mum and baby are well and we wish Hannah lots of happiness as a new mummy and look forward to seeing her soon.

Staffing

Unfortunately we were unable to recruit for Hannah's maternity leave, so Gail, Kim, Lizzy and Roxanne will be working extra hours. Hannah Tonsberg will be joining us as an apprentice, working towards her level 3 in childcare and Courtney, Lauren and Billie will continue their support at Leapfrogs this term.

Congratulations to Roxanne who in record timing has completed her Level 3 in childcare. She has worked incredibly hard with full commitment. Lizzy and Kim have refreshed their 12 hour first aid training during the holidays. So well done to them all.

Committee members

After our AGM last July, I am proud to say Lauren Dare (Chair), Carly Hardcastle (vice chair), Nichola Game (treasurer), and Alison Pilkington (member) are continuing their roles, along side our new members, Kelly Gaine (secretary) and Zoe Hill (member). All our committee members support Leapfrogs throughout the year, helping at functions and doing what they can in between their busy home lives. So thank you.

Hormead School Advice

We have received information Hormead School are asking parents not to use the main school gates that enter the car park, unless it is for wheel chair or pushchair access, due to safety. Which means we ask if you could use the small gate leading up to the steps when entering and leaving the grounds. A reminder also, the school car park is used only for staff.

Newspaper and Shoe Boxes

We are in urgent need of lots and lots of newspaper for our craft tables and shoe boxes for our upcoming disadvantaged children's project nearer to Christmas. If you have any spare or know of anyone who does please pop them into Leapfrogs. Thank you.



Autumn Quiz



It's the time of year again where we are holding our Autumn Quiz Evening, including a raffle. The event takes place on Friday 20th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at a reasonable £5.00 a head and with teams up to 8. If you are interested please buy your ticket from Gail and enjoy an evening of laughter and a chance to win some great prizes.

We do ask for donations for our raffle from everyone. Please donate what you can, whether a box of chocolates or a bottle of fizz. Again, with thanks.

Autumn Sponsor Walk

During the next half term break, in October, all children will be invited to participate in our Sponsored Autumn Walk. The children will be given a sheet with pictures of items to collect and then place them in a box. They will need to ask friends and family to sponsor them to help raise money for Leapfrogs preschool. We will use the money to buy lots of new lovely toys and resources to support their learning and development. The first week back after half term, we would like them to bring their filled box and sponsor money and then show their teachers and friends what they have found. More information will be placed in your child's drawer near to the time.



Session times

We would like to bring your attention to Leapfrogs being a session care provider. When children are dropped off later or picked up earlier than their session times it can make a big impact on both our routine and to the children in our care at the time. We understand appointments such as doctors or hospital need to be made at times but unless an emergency we ask kindly if these appointments can be made outside of your child's sessions or make arrangements to pick up at our normal transition times (12pm, 1pm, 3pm). Thank you.

Christmas Hampers

Here at Leapfrogs, we are organising early, due to such a high demand of Hampers last Christmas. We are taking steps to ensure everyone can order their chosen amount of Christmas Hampers and then they can be created by your child's own little hands, ready for you this December. A letter and order form will be in your child's drawer in the next coming weeks.

Diary and Term Dates

A reminder, our diary and term dates are on our website as well as our notice board, outside in Leapfrogs playground. Please visit leapfrogs-preschool.co.uk

With much appreciation and thanks

Gail and the team *x*