



30<sup>th</sup> August -13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## OWLS



### STAFF IN OUR ROOM

Please have a look at our notice board to find out more about the staff.

Helen Flint (senior) level 6  
Sally Williams (senior) level 6  
Carly Aldridge level 3  
Bryony Rushton level 2  
georgina Finlay level 2  
sophie Baker level 3  
Fay Nichols qualified teacher  
Kaellie Gamble level 5  
Sally Cokien level 3  
Eleanor Carnell Apprentice  
Katie Henfry apprentice  
Jade Holmes apprentice

### WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED DURING THE LAST 6 WEEKS

The children have really enjoyed the summer and explored all areas of learning through our chosen stories. They particularly loved the physical development, running and chasing each other and singing 'you can't catch me' from the Gingerbread man story. They have moved in different ways like Superworm and huffed and puffed like the big bad wolf.

All of our children have now moved to Big school so we are seeing the new term with new faces.

### OUTCOME FROM OUR PLANNING MEETING (each baby has their own next steps, below are some ideas from our planning meeting that support the room. Individual needs will still be planned for).

During the first 6 weeks, we are going to focus on getting to know your children and helping them settle into their new room, which is much bigger than they are used to. The staff in Badgers have shared with us information about your children and we met many of them during the summer when Owls and Badgers joined rooms for the holiday club, so we feel we already know them a little bit.

WE will not be sending regular observations on the tablets during this time as we want to play without the distractions, however, we will be making notes and sending you a long observation, showing all that we have learnt about your children during these 6 weeks with some next steps to help prepare them for school.

We are introducing 'Travelling Ted' who will have his own book for you to share with us what he has been up to. A visit to the supermarket or the park or maybe even a holiday. He will take it in turns but if you are going somewhere special and would like him, please let your key person know (we do have 2).

This term we have a good variety of extra-curriculum activities and will be continuing with 'I can cook' sessions, forest school, music and movement and 'Let's Get Physical'. We are also introducing woodwork, with real tools and nails. This will be carried out in small groups under close supervision.

## KEY DATES

Jeans for Genes day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Grandparents morning 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10-11.30am

World animal day 4<sup>th</sup> October

Parents evening 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Harvest festival and world food Day October 16<sup>th</sup>

Halt term 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> October

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Please encourage your child to wear Jeans on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, £1 donation. To support this worthy cause for children with heart conditions.

We would love to see any grandparents with their children on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10-11.30 to join us for a play and a tasty snack. Maybe you would like to read a story to the children or help them learn some of your favourite songs from your childhood.

Parents evening is a great opportunity to chat to your child's key person about how they have settled and what we are doing to help them grow and develop. This is a NO children opportunity to visit the setting. There will be a slit outside the room in the next few weeks with times sots on both days, so keep an eye out.

If you would like to meet your keyperson outside of normal drop off/pick up times then please speak to Sally or Helen to book a suitable time to ensure we maintain appropriate supervision of the children.

## Polite Notices

Please ensure all of your child's belongs are clearly labelled.

As we are getting to know you, please don't be offended if we ask for your password, as it is possible that we may not have met the parents before.

Can all pack lunch boxes be left in the green boxes outside of the door and for your child to find their name card before coming in.

There is a new notice board on the outside of the building with lots of useful information.

Children will be playing outside in all weathers so please send warm clothing as it gets a bit cooler. We have plenty of wellies and full waterproofs for those really wet days.

## ROUTINES

We move away from daily dairies either on the EYlog or paper and feedback to you, form our group sheets, this prepares you for the transition to school. If, however, you have shared care or would still prefer a paper dairy please speak to your child's keyperson.

Owls will move to Badgers to join us with lower pre-school at 3.30pm daily (except Thursdays), therefore, if you are collecting after this time please remember to go to the main building.

We teach in small key person groups during the day as we feel this enables the key person to build strong bonds with your child and really get to know them so that we can ensure our planning meets their individual needs.

## WHAT WE THINK WE CAN DO BETTER

Reflecting on last term, we feel we can showcase your child's learning better with our displays, so will be changing these regularly.

If you have any other suggestions, please email us at [www.woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk](mailto:www.woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk)

For more information about the curriculum your children are learning (EYFS) or how they learn please visit our website [www.parklanekids.co.uk](http://www.parklanekids.co.uk) and look on the parent's page. We have also uploaded lots of interesting articles and factsheets on the early years which include some great activities to play with your children.

You will also find previous newsletters and menu's

To keep updated about the fun things we do at nursery join our Facebook page woodlandskids