



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2021

Last day of term Wednesday 15 December

Spring Term begins - Thursday 6 January

Half Term from Monday 14 - Friday 18 February

Spring Term ends - Friday 1 April

If your child is unwell or unable to come to pre-school for any other reason please let the setting know by 10am of the morning concerned by **text** to the setting phone on 07968 192246. After that time if we have not heard from you we will contact you to ensure all is well. Please note this phone is not monitored outside of session hours. Absences known in advance may be emailed or texted though the latter is preferred.

It's hard to believe that it's December already and the countdown to Christmas has begun in earnest. The children have been busy practising for the Christmas Celebration/Nativity and will be enjoying some activities associated with the festive season including dressing the tree.

Extra days



If you're in need of some more time to do some pre-Christmas shopping why not drop your child with us for an extra morning? Email the administrator to check

availability then pay for the time using the card reader in the setting.

Free family learning from Surrey Adult Learning

Surrey Adult Learning provides Family Learning with online courses and workshops, supporting parents and carers with:

- ♦ parenting
- ♦ wellbeing
- ♦ understanding children's behaviour
- ♦ getting to grips with maths and phonics
- ♦ English as an additional language (EAL)
- ♦ understanding the English education system

Their November bulletin includes:

- ♦ Gruffalo storytelling workshop
- ♦ Christmas crafts and story time workshop
- ♦ Understanding your child's behaviour
- ♦ Aliens love Santa Claus workshops
- ♦ English for parents/carers as an additional language

The link is <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=6ff784b44dd8e19918fa8dcc0&id=2babd1cc91>

End of Term

A reminder that the Christmas Celebration/Nativity will take place on Thursday, December 9th in the church as planned unless Government guidelines around Covid-19 change.



Please arrive at 11.30am for coffee and mince pies **entering via the main entrance off of Northey Avenue**. Please also visit www.saintpauls.co.uk for update on mask wearing for services nearer the time.

If your child doesn't usually attend Little Fishes on a Thursday please bring him/her in already dressed in costume no earlier than 11.30am. **Again please use the main entrance** and then bring them down to our usual hall.

Parents are welcome to take photos but please do not upload them to the Internet. Thank you.

We'd be grateful if the children's costumes could be brought to the setting by Wednesday 8th December in a **named carrier bag**.

What's On At St Paul's Church?



Why not join in the Christmas Celebrations with your family this year?



Friday 24 December
3-4pm
Another great service for children and young families.



Saturday 25 December
10-11.15am
Come and worship Jesus today!

Please visit www.saintpauls.co.uk for update on mask wearing for services nearer the time

Clothing

Please provide your children with **named** warm coats/fleeces to wear outside now the weather is getting chillier - gloves on strings threaded through their coats are a great idea and also hats or hooded coats. Coats do tend to get dirty so it might be worth considering getting a second hand one just for pre-school use. We



like to get out most days even if the weather is looking a little damp or cold!

Changing Mats

If your child wears nappies/pullups please pop a small changing mat (disposable ones are fine) in their bag. This is more hygienic for your child and avoids sharing one with other children. If they are potty training please bring in their own potty in a **named** bag.



The staff at Little Fishes would like to join in wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you back on Thursday 6 January 2022!

Children's Health

If your child is unwell, they must not come into Pre-school. If they are sick or suffer from diarrhoea we ask that you do not bring them back until they have been free from symptoms for 48 hours. Please inform the manager on duty if your child has any contagious diseases such as impetigo, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, head lice or worms. Also keep your child at home if they have a streaming cold and are feeling under the weather.

Please continue to be vigilant for the signs of Covid-19 which can include cold like symptoms and sickness and diarrhoea in younger children.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 in children, however, remain:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of these main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result - they can only leave home to have the test.

Torn Paper Art—An Activity for Christmas

A lovely activity to build strength in hands for fine motor skills. All you do is tear up paper, draw the outline of a tree on the sticky side of contact paper, and then tape it to the wall. Alternatively use ordinary paper and glue. Then you simply invite your child/children to fill in the tree with the torn paper and any other decorations.

