



## SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2023

Half Term from Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Outing for Children going into Yr R - Thursday June 22

Sports Day - Friday June 30 (if wet July 7th)

Summer Term ends - Friday July 14

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 07534 673297. 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.

### What's On At St Paul's Church?

#### Little Fishes Summer Celebration and Party Sunday 2nd July 10am-12.30pm

Our end of year celebration will take place as part of our family service at St Paul's where we will be presenting the children with a gift, watching them perform a couple of songs and thanking Sue for her many years of service at Little Fishes. We will then celebrate with cake, soft play, bouncy castle and more. Please could you let us know if you are attending using this link <https://saintpauls.churchsuite.com/events/bgndsrch> so that we can cater for numbers.



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### Summer Term News

It was lovely to have so many mums/grandmas visit us during Mums' Week. We do hope that those who came enjoyed spending the time with their child/children.

Last week we enjoyed celebrating the Coronation of Charles iii and Camilla by making crowns, creating puzzles, improving our cutting skills and sharing in a celebratory snack time. Thank you very much to those of you who brought in some of your resources.

We also learned a little about our capital city London thanks in the main to our staff member's lovely paintings of Tower Bridge, the Guards from Buckingham Palace and members of the Metropolitan Police.



After half term we'll be taking a look at dental health as well as studying the life cycle of the butterfly as we watch tiny caterpillars grow in size and metamorphose as in the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'

### Photographer



Tina Reid a photographer will be returning to the setting again this year on Thursday, June 8th to take some informal photos of the children. We opted not to go with portrait style photos as in the past we've found that some of the children found the experience daunting. This way

the children feel more relaxed and therefore the photos more natural. Tina will also take some photos of friendship groups.

Examples of Tina's work can be found on her website at <https://www.tinareidphotography.com/children>

Remember that even if your child doesn't usually come to Little Fishes on a Thursday they are welcome to come in for half an hour or so for a Stay and Play session from 9.30am so that a few photos can be taken. A permission form will be sent out by email nearer the time.

### Little Fishes Quiz

Do remember the fundraising quiz at St Paul's Church on June 17th from 7.30pm until 10pm. It's not too late to get a table of up to 8 together with your family and friends or to join a Little Fishes parents' table. We have three tables organised at present but it would be good to have more! Event includes an optional Fish and Chips supper. Tickets available from the setting - £15 to include a fish and chip supper, £10 without.

Please bring your own snacks and drinks + other food if not having the fish and chips.



### Outing for Children Going into Reception

On Thursday June 22nd we'd like to invite the older children on a trip to YourSpace in Sutton. There will be a two hour workshop which will include pond dipping and an opportunity to learn about bees and taste their honey. Please put the date in your diary and if you're able to help by accompanying the children do let us know. More details will follow shortly.



### Coffee Morning



Keren Hillman, the Little Fishes Pastor, is arranging a coffee morning for Little Fishes parents in The Hub from 9am on Wednesday 7th June. Do pop along to enjoy coffee, pastries and lively conversation with other parents.

### Sunny Weather



The long awaited warmer weather has finally arrived and a lovely Bank Holiday weekend is anticipated. Hopefully this will continue into the final half term of the academic year so if sun is forecast please could we ask that you apply at least SPF30 sunscreen to your

child/children before they leave for pre-school in the morning. We are fortunate that the garden is mostly in shade during the morning session but sunscreen will provide additional protection.

If we go outside in sunny weather during an afternoon session we will re-apply sunscreen to the children before doing so. Please also provide a sunhat which should be **named**.

### Sports Day

Sports Day will be held in the dog-free area of Nonsuch Park near to the Cheam village entrance on Friday June 30th. If it has to be cancelled due to inclement weather we will re-arrange it for the following Friday July 7th. This is a fun morning of games and activities with picnic which



parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome to attend. Please do join us even if your child doesn't usually attend Little Fishes on a Friday. Further details will follow and there will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the setting so we know who to expect. Look out in the post for your official programme too!

### What is 30 hours Funded Childcare?

**\* Eligibility code applications or renewals for the Autumn Term 2023 must be made by August 31st.**

Most working parents of three and four year olds are eligible for an extra 15 hours of funded childcare a week, term time. Added to your current universal entitlement of 15 hours Funded Early Education for three and four year olds, this means that your entitlement will increase to a total of 30 hours a week, term time (or 1140 hours over a year). We are registered for 30 hours funded childcare term time and offer up to 24.75 hours. If you wish to claim all 30 hours some parents arrange for a childminder to cover the extra time.

If you think you might be eligible apply through the government's Childcare Choices website. There's 30 Hours Eligibility Guidance to help you understand whether you will qualify. If your application is successful, you'll get given an 11 digit eligibility code which you must then give us so that we can check your eligibility. **A child can only take up their extended hours from the term following the date of issue of their 30 hour code.**

### The 'Story Detectives' Tour at Surrey Libraries: Booking from 20 May to 1 July

The 'Story Detectives' takes children and their families on an imaginative journey through the library to discover different kinds of books. This performance has been created by Katie Green, a contemporary dance company, is now touring Surrey Libraries. It is especially suitable for children aged 3-8 years, they are invited to join the 'Story Detectives' "Playful" and "Particular" as they journey round the library collecting letters, solving clues, and building an adventure story. Intrigued? ... [watch this trailer](#).

As well as the performance, each participating library is running an Activity Trail in the lead up to the performance - any child can take part at any time. The tour covers most areas of Surrey. For more details and to book at your nearest library: [Surrey-libraries-news-and-events-digital-activities-tour](#).

### Free online guides for parents and carers: Understanding your baby/child/teenager

Free online guides are available for families living in Surrey with top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

You can get free access to the online guides by using the code 'ACORN' and visiting the [In Our Place website](#).

The following guides are available:

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and well-being
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your relationships