

Autumn term 2017

I trust you have had a good Summer. We look forward to hearing where the children have been and welcoming new families and staff to The Lighthouse in September. Thank you for our gifts and your kind words at the end of the Summer term.

**Open Afternoon – Thursday 31st August, 2pm to 4pm.** After the Summer break we invite you to come along and play in the Field. It is a time to remind the children and yourselves of The Lighthouse, to meet other parents and enjoy the field – sand pit, tyres, mud kitchen and more. Flyer enclosed.

**Nursery Funding:**

As notified by email on Thursday 10th August we have made a change to the way we offer the nursery education funding in order to cover the 30 hours. A flyer is enclosed. The required funding forms will be in children’s trays. They are in a new format so please do ask if you need help.

Parents meetings:

Coffee mornings – a time to meet other parents and discuss childcare topics.

Open classrooms – at the start of each term to meet the staff and see around the room your child is in.

Parent’s day – a one to one talk with the room leader about your child’s development.

Dates for these are listed over. Please do put them in your diaries.

**About your child:**

Please find enclosed a slip giving you the name of your child’s room leader and key worker. At the start of term for children who are moving rooms to Woodland or Riverside and new starters we ask that these parents complete an ‘all about me’ please. They are important for your child’s next steps. A copy will be in your child’s tray. We also remind parents to update us on any changes in details for registration – new telephone numbers, etc., a list of details required will be in your child’s tray.

**Staff news:**

We are welcoming Holly and Jess onto the staff team this term. Holly is doing an apprenticeship with us and will be based in Oak Room / Field View. Jess has a level 2 childcare qualification and will be based in Woodland. A full list of staff is on the notice board with photos and a copy will be in your child’s tray at the start of term.

Notice is due on 6th September if you are leaving at the end of term (15th December)

Topic list enclosed: Ourselves and Senses

Enclosed within: Invoice and statement if required, Topic sheet, Funding update, All about your child slip, Open Afternoon flyer

To look out for on the first day back: Funding form, Privacy notice if applicable, List of updates, Staff list, Seagulls form

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**Key dates**: Autumn term 2017

Thursday 31st August ‘Open Field’ 2 pm to 4 pm.

Monday 4th September Staff day

Tuesday 5th September Staff day

Wednesday 6th September Start of term

Monday 18th September Lighthouse request for all OCC funding forms to be returned

Parents coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

Tuesday 3rd October Woodland Open afternoon

4.30 to 5.30

Wednesday 4th October Riverside Open afternoon

4.30 to 5.30

Thursday 5th October Oak Room/Field View Open afternoon 4.30 to 5.30

Saturday 14th October Staff Montessori training day

Wednesday 18th October Open Day 9.30 to 5.00

23rd to 27th October Half term - Seagulls available

Wednesday 1st November Parents coffee morning for Helen & Douglas House

Monday 13th November Riverside (Marie) Parents day

Tuesday 14th November Woodland (Jodie) Parents day

Wednesday 15th November Oak Room/Field View (Kerry) Parents day

Monday 4th December New parents coffee morning

Tuesday 12th December Riverside Christmas ‘play’ 10.30

Wednesday 13th December Woodland Christmas event 10.30

Thursday 14th December Oak Room/Field View Christmas songs 3.30 to 4.30

Friday 15th December End of term 12.15 finish

18th to 22nd December Seagulls available

***The Lighthouse is closed from 23rd December to 4th January***

Thursday 4th January Start of Spring Term

These are important dates. We do post regular reminders on the main doors, on the website and via email.