



KLOISTERS NEWSLETTER—20th EDITION

NEW FOR JANUARY 2019



COME AND HAVE FUN AT OUR "DOUGH DISCO"

This is a fantastic fun way of encouraging children to work on their fine motor skills in a multi-sensory way.

Whilst learning through play they experience pressure, language and communication as well as musicality and body awareness in a fun way. All these skills they are learning form the basic skills for holding a pencil and forming letters for first writing skills before

they go to Primary School. Why not have a go at home!



If you wish to join our closed Facebook page, please either speak to April Jones (Senior Supervisor) or Nikki, or make a request to join through 'Kloisters' on Facebook.

We post daily activities that the children have been involved in, video's of the children playing or simply celebrating their birthdays for parents/carers to see, as well as relevant EYFS and Health and Safety information and links to useful documents/policies.

IF YOU DON'T JOIN, YOU WILL BE MISSING OUT!

Absent Child Policy

If your child should be unable to attend our setting on their nominated day we would ask that you call us to give an explanation by phone or email. If we do not have an explanation of absence we will endeavor to contact you that day. (This is in accordance with the Children's Act 2004.)

The vision and aims of Kloisters Kindergarten are:

- Encouraging staff, parents/carers and children to maximize the learning experience in order that all children reach their full potential.
- Providing clear procedures for involving parents/carers relating to nursery attendance.

TOYS FROM HOME

Please, please, please do not let your child/ren bring toys or Teddies from home. They run the risk of going

missing or being broken. We have plenty of toys to play with at the setting and things to keep your little one happy!

If your child/ren bring anything in from home, it will be removed and placed in their bag on their peg or held by the Room Leader for collection when your child goes home

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER that

Parents/carers are able to submit pictures and video's to their child's observation record through the 2Simple programme. This enables us to work in partnership to improve and develop your child's learning experiences. All you have to do is reply to your 2 weekly email with any pictures/videos and comments about the exciting learning experiences your child has had at home. If you have any problems with this system, please see April or Nikki.....

WE ALSO STILL HAVE SOME PARENTS/CARERS THAT HAVE STILL NOT ACCEPTED THE 2SIMPLE EMAIL TO JOIN. YOUR CHILD'S RECORDS WILL THEREFORE NOT BE SENT.

www.kloisters.co.uk
VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

KLOISTERS KINDERGARTEN
ARETHUSA ROAD
ROCHESTER
KENT ME1 2UR TEL:01634 880298

REMEMBER WE ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF KLOISTERS UNIFORM TO PURCHASE.
T-SHIRTS = £6.50
POLO SHIRTS = £9.00
SWEATSHIRTS = £10.25
FLEECES = £14.50 EACH

LIGHT SABER ACADEMY

Feeling the Force at the Light Saber Academy.

The Pre-school children have been enjoying the Star Wars feel at the Kloisters Light Saber Academy.

They are learning to use their large motor skills, listen to instructions and make those transitions for first writing skills.

Standing up rather than sitting down helps children to develop their sense of balance, as well as hand/eye coordination and depth perception - not to mention a bit of gross motor muscle toning! GREAT FUN...



OBSERVATION, ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

We have made a slight change to our observation, assessment and planning process in the setting.

We will now be focusing on "learning priorities" for each Individual child which will be reviewed and updated throughout the term.

The learning priorities will be displayed in each room for you to see and ask questions about.

Please do not hesitate to ask the Room Leader or Key Workers for tips on how to aid your child's learning at home!

CAN I PLEASE REMIND YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT A PAIR OF WELLIES, A WARM FLEECE/COAT AND OR SNOW SUITS/TROUSERS ARE ALWAYS KEPT AT KINDERGARTEN TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD CAN GO OUTDOORS IN ALL WEATHERS. THIS WILL MEAN THAT YOUR CHILD CAN EXPERIENCE WHAT THE OUTDOORS HAS TO OFFER. PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

THANKYOU

Important Note

Gentle reminder that ALL fees MUST be paid weekly or 1 month in advance.

If fees are not paid then your child's place will be forfeited and given to a child on the waiting list.

It's always holiday season, so please make sure you let Nikki/April know at the welcome desk about any

upcoming holidays so that they can be entered into the holiday book. It enables us to cancel hot lunches etc and obviously be aware as to why your child is absent from nursery.

ALL childcare fees MUST be paid in advance before your child's holiday to secure the place on their return.

Thank you.

Term Dates

Spring Term (2019)

Finish Friday 5th April 2019
Good Friday 19th April 2019
Easter Monday 22nd April 2019

Summer Term (2019)

Return Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Finish Friday 16th August 2019

Autumn Term (2019)

Return Monday 2nd September 2019
Finish Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term (2020)

Return Monday 6th January 2020
Finish Friday 3rd April 2020
Good Friday 10th April 2020
Easter Monday 13th April 2020

Summer Term (2020)

(subject to change)

Return Monday 20th April 2020
Finish Friday 14th August 2020

Autumn Term (2020)

(subject to change)

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2020
Return Tuesday 1st September 2020

'WOW MOMENTS'

Wow Moments are such important aspects of your child's development and we would really like to hear about them from you, and your participation to increase. Wow Moments are little slips of paper handed into your child's room leader or key worker that are a celebration of something they have learnt or achieved recently, this could be first words, first steps, counting independently, or potty training. ANYTHING that we can celebrate as a new skill or achievement that we can carry on working on or just talk to the children about to show them we know lots about them and care enough to celebrate their successes.

Although we have advertised for parents/carers to take part in our WOW Moments many times before, we have had a huge decline in receiving them in.

They only take a few seconds to complete and we have attached some to the back of this newsletter and hope to see them handed in over the course of your child's time with us at Kloisters.

If you would like more of these WOW Moments slips, please do not hesitate to ask!



WE ALSO HAVE SOME SPACES AVAILABLE FOR 2 YRS UPWARDS TO JOIN OUR BALLET CLASS THAT IS HELD AT THE SETTING EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3.00—3.30 P.M. AND 3.30 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M. WITH TARA. JUST ASK AT RECEPTION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR THE CHILDREN AT KLOISTERS, TAKE A LOOK!

Monday 18th February — Pre-school 1 Forest-school Trip

9.00 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

Tuesday 19th February—Pre-school 2 Forest-school Trip

9.00 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

Wednesday 20th February—Easter Themed Stay & Play

9.00 a.m.— 10.30 a.m. (invitations to follow)

Thursday 21st February — Kindergarten Forest-school Trip

9.00 a.m.— 12 noon (invitations to follow)

Monday 25th February — Pre-school 1's

Rochester Fire Station Visit

9.15 a.m.— xxxx

Wednesday 13th March — Pre-school 2's

Rochester Fire Station Visit

9.15 a.m.— xxxx



World Book day — Dress up week 4th March 2019—8th March for Crackerjacks Children's Trust

Thursday 14th March — Pre-school 1 FLIPOUT trip

9.00 a.m.—12 noon (invitations to follow)

Tuesday 19th March — Baby-room FLIPOUT visit

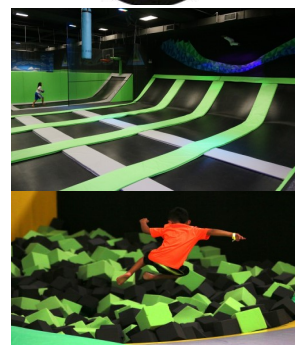
9.00 a.m.—12 noon (invitations to follow)

Friday 22nd March — Pre-school 2 FLIPOUT visit

9.00 a.m.—12 noon (invitations to follow)

Wednesday 27th March — Kindergarten FLIPOUT visit

9.00 a.m.—12 noon (invitations to follow)



Thursday 4th April - "Rocky's Animals" to visit setting for the day,

bringing with them all THEIR animals for handling, feeding, grooming and walking.

Animals include: Sheep/lambs*, goat, chicken/chicks*, duck/ducklings*, quail/cheepers*, rabbit, guinea pig, African pygmy hedgehog, horsefield tortoise, royal python, leopard gecko, bearded dragon, Australian stick insects, Indian stick insects, tarantula, Madagascar hissing cockroach, giant millipedes, giant land snail and hermit crabs and Australian Macleays (Spiny Stick Insects).