

# Iver Community Childcare



## Newsletter for Parents, Carers and Staff Autumn Term 1

### Dear Parents and carers

Everyone at Tiny Toes wishes all our new children a warm welcome. If you have just started with us and would like a quick meeting with your child's key carer to find out how they are settling in we would like to invite you to make an appointment with us during the week after half term when we will have completed the first development reviews of the year.

Term dates for funding this year are as follows :-

Monday 9th Sept to Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th Dec

Monday 6th Jan to Friday 14th February

Monday 24th Feb to Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th April to Friday 22 May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

We will be closed for the Christmas holidays on the 23rd December and will reopen on the 6th of January. We are closed on the bank holidays, 10th April, 13th April, 4th May, 25 May and the 31st August.

### We have a couple of important dates for you.

The **17th October** is our Pirate and Princess day. All children attending that day are invited to come in wearing a princess, pirate or even a pirate princess costume and bring in a little money to donate to our chosen charity– Crackerjacks. This is a charity that provides much needed equipment for SEN children and now also has a specially adapted holiday home for families to rent out. Please complete the donation forms that have been sent home. We will be running some special pirate and princess activities during the week.

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#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

##### Please do:

Remember to pay your child's fees by the 10th of the month. We would appreciate your co-operation and if you have any difficulties with this arrangement please contact Jacquie in our admin team on 01753 654546.

Don't forget that you can pay your fees by bank transfer using the details below.

Sort Code: 09 01 51 Acct No: 59224187

Please use your child's full name as a reference—thank you!

**Label everything! We have lots of children at the settings and we can't always remember which coat or water bottle your child brought in that morning, so please label everything but particularly coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.**

Introducing Jannat and Demi our two new students. Demi is joining us as a permanent member of staff and will be working Mon-Wed and Jannat is on a student placement working Fridays. Both are working towards their level 3 childcare qualifications.

**14th November** is a chance to have a 'school' photo taken, it's nice to have as a reminder and as a gift for relatives for Christmas, if your child doesn't attend normally during the morning on the 14th let us know if you would like to a photo done as we can arrange for you to book a time during the session on the 14th to come in just for the photo. This should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

**Friday 15th November** is Children in Need day. We will be doing some special activities in the nursery and children are welcome to dress up and bring in a pound to donate to the charity. We will also have cakes various Pudsey merchandise to sell with all profits going to the charity. (If you have any raffle prizes to donate please bring in the week before.)

##### Fee increase

**We haven't had a fee increase for several years however rising costs are going to force us to raise fees from January. We are expecting this to be 25p/hour across the age ranges but this has not yet been finalised. A letter will be going out to all parents shortly after half term.**

##### Help to pay for consumables.

Government funding for free funded hours does not cover the cost of consumables such as snacks and tissues etc. From January we will be asking parent of funded children to help with the cost of these by making a small half termly payment. This is likely to be £30/ half term for those using up to 15 hrs funding and £60 for those using 15-30 hrs funding.— equivalent of 31p/hr.

We also need to introduce you to Cuddles the dog. Cuddles will be going home each week with a different child. We hope that he will have lots of exciting adventures with you at home that you can share with the nursery through photo's or diary entries in his scrap book. Please email photo's to paula@ivercommunity.org for printing.

Finally, can we ask you a favour!

Would all children be able to bring in a photograph of themselves in their winter coats, hats and gloves. This is for a little Christmas surprise that the children will be helping to make to take home.

PS don't forget to enter photo's of any pumpkins that you have managed to grow to the Flowerland competition and look after your viola plants. It has been a pleasure working with Iver Flowerland this year and the children have loved planting up the tomatoes, pumpkins and flowers the garden centre have donated.