



Autumn

# Lanterns



Nursery School and Extended Services



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## September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Lanterns and a special welcome to all new children & families who have joined the Nursery School this term. We hope you have all enjoyed a great Summer and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately we have some sad news to share with you. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Joy Reynolds, our Head Teacher passed away. She had been feeling unwell for some time but only found out very recently that she had cancer in her lungs. Joy spent her last day sitting in the sunshine surrounded by her family. Many of the staff and governors attended a thanksgiving service for Joy to celebrate her life with a mixture of both tears and laughter. We are still coming to terms with this sudden loss but have plans to use the donations we have received to buy garden furniture and plants as a memorial for Joy. We hope to have a picnic with the children in the near future to celebrate her life, which we know she would have really enjoyed. Joy will be greatly missed and was an amazing colleague, leader and friend.

It is under these sad circumstances that I introduce myself. My name is Lynsay Falkingham and I will be taking on the role as Acting Headteacher. Some of you will already know me in my capacity last year as Assistant Headteacher and Butterflies class teacher at the end of the week. I thought that you might like to know a little bit about me and my journey in educating children. I started at Lanterns Nursery School in January 2012 as class teacher at the end of the week in Ladybirds. In September 2015 I became Assistant Headteacher and continued to teach at the end of the week in the nursery bases. Prior to teaching at Lanterns Nursery School I taught for 12 years in Infant Schools, 10 of these years were at schools in Basingstoke. I have taught Year R, 1 and 2 but most of my teaching career before Lanterns was spent in Year R where I was the Year R Team Leader at a 3 form entry infant school and part of the Senior Leadership team. I have always had a passion for Early Years Education, taking the Early Years pathway during my degree and gaining a post graduate certificate in Early Years Education. It is at Lanterns Nursery School that I have found most pleasure. I love the play based, hands on exciting curriculum that we do so well in Early Years, opening minds and helping children to grow into happy, engaged and motivated learners. Lanterns Nursery School is such a special place with such wonderful children, families and dedicated and skilled staff that I am honoured to lead us into this new academic year. I am also a Mummy of two young boys, one attending local nurseries and one at a local school so I also understand the ups and downs of parenting children at this wonderful age. If you haven't met me or are not sure who I am, please ask and come and say hello it would be lovely to meet you all.

We are very much looking forward to this new school year and the opportunity to work with you and your children to share lots of exciting learning experiences in the year ahead.



Lynsay Falkingham





If your child is unwell please keep them at home. If they have had an upset tummy/sickness then they should not be in school for 48 hours after the last time of vomiting or diarrhoea.



### Dates for your Diary Autumn Term at Lanterns



Wed 4th Oct. – Photographer in school (details in a separate letter to follow)



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. – Last Day of Autumn 1 Half Term for Nursery School

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. – NO NURSERY SCHOOL Staff Training Day (INSET)

Half Term – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.



CLOSED

Mon 30th Oct. – Nursery re-opens for Autumn 2 half term.

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Parent Consultations – Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November



Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas jumper day



Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Singing to Parents



Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. – Last Day of Term, break up for Christmas holiday.

CLOSED

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – First day of Spring term

OPEN

### Outdoor Play



Please remember that the children will all need a coat every day for outdoor play as the weather gets colder and wellies throughout the year. Water play is available at all times and is part of our continuous provision, please provide spare sets of clothing as your child may need to change during the session.

Please can you ensure that all bags, clothing and footwear has your child's name on. Thanks.

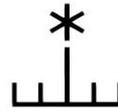
### MOBILE PHONES

As a matter of Safeguarding. Please remember to turn off your Mobile when entering Lanterns Nursery School.



## Tapestry

Remember to log into your Tapestry journals to see photos of what your child has been upto. If you have any problems please speak to Lisa.



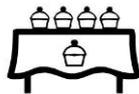
## Home from Home Club

If your child attends home from home club between 4pm and 6pm there is a different number that you will need to know in order to contact us if there is an emergency or if you have been held up. This number is - **07515 084118** Please remember that if you want to talk about your child's day you need to arrive in time to do this before 6pm and there is an additional charge of £10 per 15 mins (increasing to £15 per mins after one hour) for late pick ups. Thank you.



## Thank You!

Please help us raise money for McMillan Cancer Research organisation by either baking for or attending our McMillan cake sale on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.



## BBC Children in Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017



We will be having a 'Dressing Up' day. If children would like to come with Pudsey Ears etc. or dressed in a costume of their choice, please bring some loose change for the Children in Need collection.

Your donations will be sent from Lanterns to the BBC Appeal.

Staff will be joining in too!!

