



Lisa's Letter

Welcome

Welcome to my newsletter.

After a dreadful summer I am hoping that we might have a bit better autumn although after this week I am not so sure.

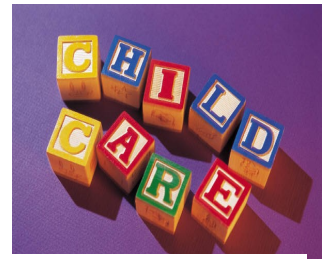
It is an exciting time for us at the moment with Zoe starting to work for me. This not only provides additional support for me with your children but has also allowed me to help address a local issue of under provision of childminders. If you have not had a copy of the letter introducing Zoe or have yet to sign a form confirming you have had this letter please let me know.

I do hope that everyone is happy here but if you or your children have any concerns please do take the time to discuss them with me so—your and your children's happiness are very important to me.

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Important reminder

Please remember that no shoes (adult or child) are allowed past the double doors of the hall. This helps me both to keep my house clean but is also an important health and safety issue with young children crawling on the floor.

The next few months

Over the summer we have been planning the next few months and looking at the areas that we will cover up to Christmas. As well as some of our usual activities leading up to Christmas I have also recently invested in some new equipment that will see the introduction of a book of the week, a colour of the week and a letter or number of the week.

We will look at Harvest and I would like to collect tins and/or dry foods and give them to Porchlight, a local charity working with the homeless. If you would like to donate anything we will be collecting these in the week starting 28th September.

Clothing and spare clothing

Despite my hopes for better weather please can I ask that all young children bring wellies and waterproofs during the winter. This is not only important as we do walk and use public transport rather than driving but also to let children enjoy their environment and do things like puddle jumping.

For older children it is very useful to have a change of clothes at my house so that they can change after school especially if they do get wet in the rain. These should be in a named bag.

Also could all baby wipes in the little ones bags be named as they easily get mixed up. I would also ask for a set of clothes in their bags that can be used for messy play at any time—if these could be in a separate named carrier bag inside that would be helpful.



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HEADLICE:

As the children return to school please ensure that you check your children regularly for head lice and to let me know if you do find any of the little critters so we can ensure that every one gets any treatment needed.

Starters and leavers

A quick update on the children that I look after.

New starters

Over the past few months we have seen a number of new starters. Emily, Thomas, Izzy, Florence, and Jack B. We also have welcomed brother and sister, Mia and Olly, Sisters Jess and Holly and brothers Harry and Billy. Taylor has also returned as his mum has a new job.

Leavers

We are sad to say good bye to Adam, Sophia and Angel. We wish them well in the future and good luck to Adam starting at Chatham Grammar School for Boys.

Mum's meal

After having tried to organize a meal earlier in the year I would like to try and arrange something before Christmas. I have been looking into various events and I have provisionally booked the King Charles Hotel for an 80s evening on the 5th of December. It will cost £35 for a meal, a tribute act and a disco from 7.15pm through to 1am.

Please let me know asap if you would like to come — I will need a £10 deposit by the end of September with final payment due two weeks before the event.



Tabards:

I am in the process of purchasing some high visibility tabards for the children to wear when we are out and about. This will help us in the management of the children but also help to keep your children safe during the darker evenings.

Which ingredients can cause a problem?



Cereals containing gluten



Peanuts



Nuts



Milk



Soya



Mustard



Lupin



Eggs



Fish



Crustaceans



Molluscs



Sesame seeds



Celery



Sulphur dioxide

Food allergies and meals

Please remember to let me know if your child has any food allergies. To the left is the list of allergens that can cause problems. If you wish to know if any of these are in any of the meals that I produce please do ask me.

If there are any meals that your child particularly enjoys that I could do for all children please do let me know as I am always looking to expand the menu.

Lisa's holiday

Friday 30 October

Thursday 24 December to Friday 1 January 2016

Bank Holidays

Thursday 25 December

Monday 28 December

I will be sorting my holidays for next year at the end of December and let you have them early in the New Year.

