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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read all about what our children have been doing during their time at Newts. This half-term we have been able to take advantage of the lovely weather and the children have spent a lot of their time in our outdoor area – developing friendships with their peers during free choice and participating in adult-led activities. Also, we have provided

### **A Little Bit About Newts**

As most of you are probably aware, our school-run before and after school care has been up and running for almost 3 years now. Since becoming independently run in September 2014, Newts has gone from strength to strength and huge improvements have been recognised in all aspects of care provided by OFSTED. All of our staff work within school in different roles through the day.

### **Our Staff**

Marie Myton – Manager DSL

Amy Land – Deputy Manager and EYFS coordinator for Newts DSL

Jean Armitage – Morning Activity coordinator

Monika Kulikjan – Craft Activity coordinator

Michelle Summers – Outdoor Activity coordinator

### **Our Room**

Each day, children have access to all the activities, areas, toys and games in our room and are free to play at their own pleasure with children from all different classes in school. Our room is a bright and stimulating environment for children to play and learn. Our areas compliment the goals identified by the EYFS as well as been accessible to older children too. They are regularly changed and updated to ensure that children remain enthusiastic and enjoy their experience at Newts.

### **Adult-led Activities**

We have planned activities every day. These vary from baking on a Tuesday, to craft activities and outdoor activities (such as games or insect hunts.) We also ask the children for suggestions and implement as many of their ideas as possible. We have recently purchased a 4 in 1 table which consists of pool, ice hockey, table tennis and table football. The popular crafts this month have been Hama beads.

### **Snacks**

We promote healthy eating throughout school and so Newts is no exception. At 4:15 each day, the children enjoy a light snack ranging from milkshake and biscuits to beans on toast and everything in between! Some of the children's favourite snacks include "make-your-own pizza" (children are given the opportunity to explore with new foods while creating their own pizza to eat for snack) and wraps. Also, once per half-term we host a country themed evening where the children will experience tasting foods from different countries and cultures as well as participating in activities related to that country. We have just had a curry night which the children requested. We will soon be having a Chinese food night.

### **Bookings**

To book a place in Newts, please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff for a registration form and booking sheet. Please note that ADHOC spaces are limited and in high demand; if you require an ADHOC place, please fill in the relevant form and return it as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! For permanent bookings, complete your form and hand it in to a member of Newts staff or the main office if it is more convenient.

### **Prices**

Newt's prices for each session are as follows: *(please note that all booked sessions must be paid for in advance. Payment will only be refunded in the event of your child been absent from school due to illness.)*

Before School Club (from 7:30AM includes breakfast)	£4.50
After School Session 1 (3:15-4:15)	£4.00
After School Session 2 (4:15-6:00 includes snack)	£5.00

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff to assist you. If we are not available, please contact us using one of the methods above.