What a busy half –term we have had!

Firstly we would like to say goodbye to Sarah-Jane Wheelan, who will no longer be working with us at Little Pips. If Sarah was your child’s key-person Hollie and Lorrainne will speak to you personally shortly.

A huge congratulations to Leanne McConnell who works within the main Nursery, Leanne has completed her Level Two qualification in Early Years.

Over the coming weeks we will be looking at our families and what makes us all unique. Please send any photos of special people in your child’s life to Nursery for us to share. If it is easier you can email them to us to print, just send them to [hwestlake@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:hwestlake@educ.somerset.gov.uk) .

As we get busier we now request that any additional hours, including early drop-offs or late pick-ups are requested in advance by emailing Hollie on hwestlake@educ.somerset.gov.uk or by completing a request form available from Mrs Gill. Please be aware that whilst we do our best to be accommodating, agreement will be dependent on staff ratios and availability.

We appreciate that there are often circumstances outside of your control that may make you late for collection please telephone us if you are going to be more than five minutes late on 01458 252822. Due to legal ratios late collection may result in us having to ask staff to continue to work past their contracted finish time, and you may incur a late collection charge.

Please remember to use the Nursery buzzer at drop off and pick up time!

**This half-term at Little Pips we will be:**

Hatching our very own chicks, thank-you to the Jones family for the donation of an incubator and eggs

Watching our caterpillars grow into butterflies

Developing our independence, trying to dress ourselves and take our own shoes on and off

Talking about our families and people we love

**Please note down if you see/hear your child:**

Discussing the world around them

Telling you about our eggs or caterpillars and how they are developing

Being independent and ‘having a go’ at something for themselves

**Things we need in Nursery to keep or borrow:**

Weighing scales

Jugs

***Circus skills with Lucy!***

***Our children have had a fantastic time taking part in ‘Circus skills with Lucy’ every Wednesday over the past half-term. The children have been hula-hooping, plate spinning and practicing using stilts. They have enjoyed it so much we have decided to continue sessions next term.***

***Sessions will run on Wednesdays 10.00am-11.00am from Wednesday 11th April through until Wednesday 23rd May.***

***Please see Hollie for further information.***

**Dates for your Diary!**

**Thursday 10th May – Parents evening 5.30pm-9.00pm- Further information to follow**

**Tuesday 15th May- Parents evening 5.30pm-9.00pm- Further information to follow**

**Friday 6th July – Nursery Photographs –ALLDAY – Further information to follow**