



Summer 2009 Newsletter

¡Hola! Welcome to the Summer 2009 issue of the Little Linguists newsletter. I'd like to first of all say a big hello and ¡Bienvenidos! to all the new Little Linguists and their parents and carers who have joined us this term. I would also like to say welcome back to some former Little Linguists who have returned to classes with us this term - it's lovely to see you all again!

In this newsletter you'll find an update on Little linguists and some information on the other types of courses that we provide - we now have an extensive network of tutors in Spanish and other languages as well as tutors specializing in older children, exam and adult tuition. There are also the term dates for next term - although let's not wish away the summer - and there is a summer fun activity page for you all to enjoy!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and thank you for your continued support this term.

Update

This term we are running group classes in Baldock, Letchworth, Royston and Hertford for children aged 3 - 8 years. In addition we have private groups across Hertfordshire for children and their friends in the comfort of their own home.

Group classes will thankfully be re-starting in Harpenden in September after a short break this term. They will be running on Tuesdays at The United Reformed Church in Harpenden and there are still a few spaces left for children of 5 years plus. I have now started a waiting list for the pre-school/foundation class as that is already full.

Our primary school classes are continuing to go well - we have a full range of lunch clubs, after school clubs and sessions during the school day (usually to cover teachers' preparation time) on offer. We can also come into day nurseries and pre-schools and deliver Spanish classes with the minimum of fuss and administration for the institution.

Our network of tutors has grown considerably and we are now able to offer a comprehensive range of tuition in all major European languages across all age groups, all levels of ability and for all purposes - including children, private coaching, for business and commercial purposes and for GCSE and A level. Our rates are extremely competitive so please pass on our details if you have any friends who may be interested.

You can find details of all these classes on our website www.littlelinguists.org.uk or give me a call on 01763 288361 or e-mail me on suzanne@thesnowdons.com for more information and a quote.

Younger Siblings

A little reminder about the really little linguists....we warmly welcome younger siblings into the classes free of charge up to the age of 30 months and up to 36 months if they are not actively participating in the classes. They are also invited to take part in any activities that are appropriate to their age group and that they are interested in. They do however sometimes find it difficult to stay concentrated for the full session and can occasionally become distracting to the other children. This is especially the case with some of our busier classes and, as such, if you feel that your little one is causing a distraction, I would be very grateful if you could bring along some toys, crayons etc to keep them entertained and happy and to allow the older children to focus on their class.

Current Classes

Royston	Mondays 3.45-4.15pm Mondays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Key Stage 1 plus
Letchworth	Tuesdays 3.45-4.15pm	Pre-school - Year 1
Baldock	Thursdays 3.45-4.15pm Thursdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Key Stage 1 plus
Hertford	Thursdays 3.45-4.15pm Thursdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Key Stage 1 plus
Harpenden	Tuesdays 3.45-4.15pm Tuesdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Key Stage 1 plus

Some Spanish summer reading...

I've had a look around and come up with some great new materials in Spanish for your children – along with some tried and tested old favourites:

Great for the car:

Hop, Skip and Sing In Spanish

Spanish On The Move For Kids

Colouring and first words:

Colour In Spanish (b small publishing)

iHablo Español! (Lynne Brisson)

Diez Deditos (José Luis Orozco)

Stories:

La oruga muy hambrienta (Eric Carle)

Los tres cerditos (Brighter Child)

Most of these are readily available on Amazon – and are surprisingly inexpensive – ENJOY!

Summer fun

Match the pictures below with the correct word in Spanish:



unas gafas de sol

un castillo (de arena)



un cangrejo

unas conchas



una pelota



un cubito

un palo



Now find the words in the wordsearch below:

c	a	n	g	r	e	j	o	a	p	o
b	p	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	e	l
j	a	c	o	n	c	h	a	s	l	l
k	l	o	t	i	b	u	c	l	o	i
m	o	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	t	t
u	v	w	x	y	z	a	b	c	a	s
g	a	f	a	s	d	e	s	o	l	a
d	e	f	g	k	a	e	s	w	h	c

Next term dates.....

Monday 07 September – Friday 04 December

Half term: 26 – 30 October

Please check your individual course confirmation letter for your specific course dates as there may be some local changes due to teacher and room availability and other unavoidable events.

PRICE FREEZE! You'll be pleased to know that prices for the general group classes will be remaining the same as this term. These are £5.50 per session and £3.95 for siblings. This is a twelve week term and the cost therefore for one child will be £66.00 and for a younger sibling £47.40. **Please do check your individual course confirmation letter for details specific to your group.**

Please don't forget we limit our class size so that everyone receives maximum attention from the teacher and is able to practice as much Spanish as possible

SPECIAL OFFER: As a special offer to existing Little Linguists, if you book and pay for your course for next term before the end of July, you can get the first lesson next term free!

I hope that you will be continuing with us next term. As usual, I will reserve all existing students a place in their current class unless advised otherwise. If for any reason you do not wish to continue or your schedule is changing and you need to change class, I would be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible before the end of term. I can then offer places to children on the waiting lists.

Money saving offers from Little Linguists....

- Recommend a friend – if you recommend Little Linguists to a friend, they can enjoy their first lesson free of charge. If they then join the group you will receive a lesson free of charge the following term. There is no limit to this offer – the more friends you introduce, the more free lessons you will receive. Please ask them to mention your name at the time of booking!
- First lesson free (for new and returning Little Linguists) – the first lesson has always been a completely no obligation free trial. I am happy now to extend that offer to children who may have had a break from Little Linguists – maybe they had ballet or swimming at the same time or started school and were finding it all a bit much. Returning Little Linguists and their siblings can now enjoy their first lesson back for free. Come along and see how you get on!
- Book and pay early – If you book and pay for your course next term before the end of July you will receive the first lesson free of charge.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter – it's really appreciated.