April 2017

Hello everyone, welcome back to another term at Little Hands and a warm welcome to the families and children who are just joining us!

September 2017 Booking Forms:

Thank you to all who have returned their September 2017 booking forms. Please remember that the cut-off date for changing September sessions is **Friday 26**th **May**; any changes after this are subject to seven weeks term-time notice. I will be confirming your bookings after 1st **May** so don't worry if you can't remember what you've asked for. If you haven't returned your booking form yet, please do so to ensure you get your preferred sessions; I will now begin to send out booking forms to children on the waiting list.

Fees

Please pay your invoices, which were handed out last half term, within the two week payment period. The last day for payment this half term is **Friday 28th April**; all late payments will incur an automatic £20 fee, unless prior arrangements have been made with me. If you prefer to make an online payment, the nursery bank details are:

HSBC Bank Sort Code: 401659 Account No. 60037524

Holiday Club

If you would like to book your child into the May/June half term holiday club and haven't already done so please speak to me as I will be arranging the sessions and staffing in our first week back after the Easter holidays.

Group Photograph

Andrew Martin is returning to take the summer term group photograph on **Thursday 25th May**. The photograph will be in panoramic format (18x16), where the children are photographed in small groups which are then put together; this is an especially great memento for the children who will be leaving for school in September so they don't forget us! If your child does not attend on Thursdays but you would like them included you are welcome to come in; just let me know so I can include them in the group shots. Andrew is also happy to take individual photos or photos with siblings but this is by prior arrangement only, so please let me know if you would like to book your child(ren) in.

Contact Details:

Please remember to keep me informed of changes to your child's health or personal details including mobile phone numbers and contact details. Here is a reminder of our contact details too:

The nursery telephone number is: 01954 710656 and our email address is: Ih.bourn@gmail.com

Planning Summer Term 2017 (First Half)

Week 1

Tues 18th -21st April

Occupations - We will be talking about all sorts of jobs that grown-ups do and hope to have some visitors come in to talk about their jobs. If any of you would like to come in to talk to the children about your jobs then please let me know because we would love to have you. I know that we have a varied group among you all so please don't be shy; your children would love you to come in!

Week 2

24th - 28th Apr

Transport & Vehicles -we will be busy making vehicles out of different materials, washing the nursery toy cars and bikes, mark making with cars and tractors by putting their wheels into the paint to see the different tracks that they make. We will also be talking to the children about different methods of transport that they use to get to nursery or to go on holiday.

Week 3

Tues 2nd - 5th May

Down on the Farm - we will be learning about farms, talking about growing things in the fields, animals and farm vehicles and what they are used for. If any of you would like to help out this week by coming in or bringing us any photographs or resources we would be very grateful.

Week 4

8th -12th May

Staying Safe - (Out and About) we will be learning how to stay safe when we go out; for example remembering the rules for road safety and holding hands with our parents or the grown-ups looking after us. We will be practising what we are learning through role play in the garden and in the car park.

Week 5

15th -19th May

Healthy Bodies & Teeth - this week we will be learning about things that are healthy and good for our bodies and our teeth.

We will be talking about healthy eating and exercise and how it affects our bodies. We will also talk about healthy practices such as brushing our teeth, washing and sleeping. We are hoping to do some 'show and taste' activities where the children bring in their favourite fruit or vegetables to talk about with their friends and let other children try some if they would like to. We will of course make sure that all allergies are taken into account during this activity so please make sure that you give the fruit/vegetable to one of the staff so that they can check this.

Week 6 22nd -26th May

Grandparents' Week - this is always one of my favourite weeks... we would like to invite all grandparents to come in to play for a little while, read a story, sing some of their favourite children's songs or join us at lunch time. We would also love to see some photographs of your children with their grandparents that we can use to make a display.

More information about our activities will be displayed on posters by the entrance door or on the parents' notice boards in the foyer so please look out for these. These ideas are a loose plan of some activities we will be doing but we always respond to the children's interests and ideas and make changes to suit their needs and wishes. If you have any ideas you would like to add please let us know.

We always welcome parents to come in to nursery to carry out activities with the children, so please let us know if any of our ideas have inspired you to come in and share your ideas with us. Similarly, if you would like to share your family's celebrations with us, please let us know and we can incorporate them into our planning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been in to carry out activities last half term - we had lots of fun! Look out for the photographs in the blue folder on the front table. Grandparents' week was a resounding success, thank you so much to everyone who joined in. BUT please do not wait for an invitation to another Grandparents' week to come and see us again - you are welcome anytime!

Please also remember that we open the door at 3.50pm every afternoon for you to join us for story time. Older and younger siblings and other family members are also welcome. If you or any family member would like to read the story, please let us know as it is always nice for the children to experience story telling/reading from different people and it may

make your child very happy and proud to have a loved one read the story at nursery. If this time does not suit you and you would like to join us for a story time, it can always be arranged so please let us know.

Remaining Dates for Summer 2017

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Tuesday 18th April - 26th May (1st May Bank Holiday - CLOSED)

30th May - 2nd June Half Term Holiday Club (29th May Bank Holiday – CLOSED)

5th June - 21st July

Summer Holiday Club 24th July – 4th August 2017 AND 14th August – 31st August (Closed 7th – 11th August) (Closed Friday 1st September – staff training day)

Term dates 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 4th September – 20th October	
<u> 23rd - 27th October - Half Term Holiday Club</u>	
30th October - 15th December	
Christmas Holiday Club 18th, 19th, 20th 21st 22nd December 2017 & 2nd January 2018	

Your views are important to us. Please use the space below to give us your feedback or email us at lh.bourn@gmail.com