

Little Hands Bourn Newsletter April/May 2022

Hi everyone! Welcome back to nursery – we hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new children and their families and to Alison Jonckheer and Amanda Armstrong who have joined the Little Hands staff team

What's New?



We have two new interactive display boards for the children to enjoy - one is a vertical road which we think will be popular with the children who love to play with vehicles.



The other is an emotions board with a mirror, which will encourage the

children to recognise their emotions and talk about how they are feeling.

We need your help...

Shanice has been busy preparing a space for the children to display photos of their families, pets, or special days. You can either bring in your photos for display or email them to us and we can print them off. Children always love to see themselves in photographs, and it encourages them to talk about what is happening in the picture.

Weather appropriate clothing and sun cream

We are in that part of the year where we can experience all four seasons in one week, so please make sure that your children have weather appropriate clothing and sun protection (sun cream and sun hats). Please apply sun cream on your children **before** bringing them to nursery. We will reapply sun cream after lunch for children staying all day if you provide a clearly named bottle and sign a consent form. **Please make sure all your children's belongings are clearly labelled with their name** - we often have so many duplicates of hats, coats, shoes, and wellies that it is difficult to identify whose is whose.

Children's belongings and lost property

Please continue to only send in the things that the children need and to label EVERYTHING!

We will leave the lost property table outside when weather permits so please look out for it and take any of your children's belongings.

Activities

All our activities are 'in the moment' or based on your children's interests. If there is anything that you would like us to focus on that your child is interested in, a festival that your family celebrates or something that you are working towards with your child such as road safety, healthy eating, being kind etc... please let us know so that we can support you with this.

Last half term was a busy one with lots of fun activities. Despite some staff illness, we still managed to upload onto Tapestry, but here are a few

snapshots from the last half term:



Litter picking church

Easter themed tuff tray

Walk to the

Don't forget that you too can upload onto Tapestry, so that your child can share some of the wonderful experiences from their home life with their friends at nursery.

We are also on our Instagram; our account is littlehandsnurseryschools, so please follow us requesting to follow - all four of the Little Hands Nursery Schools contribute to the account so you get to see what we are all up to!

Key worker chats

At Little Hands we value our partnership with parents, so please let us know if you would like to arrange to speak to your child's key worker, or any member of the team. You can ask at the door when dropping off or collecting your child, or you can call or email us. If it cannot be arranged straightaway due to staffing, we will make suer that we make time as soon as we can.

May/June half term Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the May/June Half Term Holiday Club. The booking form is attached with the email to this newsletter and paper copies are available on request. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 29th April** if you would like to book a place.

Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands Bourn



Staff:

Pam Marsden - Manager Edel Brophy – Deputy Manager Marta Wierzbicka – Deputy Manager Shuk-Yee Lee-Wan – Session Leader Jill Carter – Key Worker Paula Cooper – Play Worker Shanice Cooper – Key Worker Jodie Perry – Key Worker Alison Jonckheer – Play Worker Amanda Armstrong – Play Worker

Designated Persons:

Child Protection	
Prevent	Pam and Marta
Online Safety	
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SENDCO)	Pam and Edel
Equalities	Pam and Shuk-Yee
Health & Safety	Pam
Food & Hygiene	Pam, Edel, Marta, Shuk-Yee, Jilly, Shanice, Jodie, Paula

Remaining term dates 2021 – 2022

weeks	Term weeks	Funded
Summer Term 2022 weeks	12 weeks 3 days	13
Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May	5 weeks 3 days	
(2nd May Bank Holiday - closed)		

30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days (2nd & 3rd June bank holidays - closed)

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July 7 weeks

Summer Holiday Club Monday July 25th to Friday September 2nd – To be confirmed

Back for Autumn Term 2022 *possibly* Monday September 5th 2022 – to be confirmed