



## Little Hands Linton Newsletter January 2020



Happy New Year. Welcome back to the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our Spring term. We hope you have enjoyed the holiday period.

### Themes –

#### Counting Rhymes

Activities to include: Counting with fingers, counting objects related to the rhymes, playing counting games, craft activities and making up stories for the characters in the rhymes.

**Chinese New Year** – (Starts 25<sup>th</sup> January) We will look at what occurs, the story behind the naming of the animals, carry out craft activities, count animals from the story and do some dancing to Chinese music.

#### Staying Safe

We will be discussing PANTS. It is line with the NSPCC ideas on the ‘underwear rule’. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no and that they should tell an adult if they’re upset or worried. We will cover this by reading stories and incorporating craft activities. If you have any questions/concerns you are welcome to talk to Mandy. Information is available for parents at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

#### Activities to do at home

Singing the rhymes

Counting activities – e.g. sausages on a plate, grapes in a bowl, items when out shopping.

#### Term Dates

Spring term 1 ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term/Holiday Club: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Spring term 2 starts: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Spring term 2 ends: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Summer term 1 starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

#### Holiday Club form

I am attaching the holiday club form for February half term. The form must be returned by **Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> January**

#### Summer Term Sessions

If you are thinking of increasing any sessions for your child in the Summer term, please let Mandy know as soon as possible in writing as we will need to increase staff hours to accommodate increases.

#### Winter Weather

If we have severe weather, then Mandy or Caroline will send an email to parents to see if they are bringing their child to nursery by 7am. This will give us the opportunity to assess the situation and allow staff the opportunity to remain at home rather than struggling in. We will, of course, remain open if at all possible for parents.

In the colder weather please send your child to nursery with appropriate coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies **with them all named**, thank you.

Please can we remind parents that bookings are made by the hour, therefore children need to be dropped off/ collected at the time of the hour booked. Whilst we are staffed

### **Involvement**

Parents/Carers are always welcome at Little Hands to join in part or all of a session. If you have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with the children then please speak to Mandy or Caroline to organise a visit.

### **Illness**

Please can we remind parents that your child should not be attending nursery if you have had to give them Calpol or other fever reducing medicine. They will not be well enough to cope with a session. If your child is not attending nursery for any reason please call to let us know.

### **Notes from Parent/Carer in Bag**

We do not normally look in children's bags. If you send information or replies in then please hand them to a member of staff or, if another adult is bringing your child in then ask them to give any notes, etc to staff.

### **Make Up Sessions**

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions for children who have been ill may not be as easy as the previous term, we will try to accommodate where we can.

### **Children's Admission Details**

Please give Mandy any updates to your child's details, particularly health details and contact number details if they have changed since you completed your child's admission form.

### **Sharing packs**

In nursery we have a variety of packs available for parents and carers to borrow when needed these include: arrival of a new baby, moving house, going to sleep, toilet training, going to school and bereavement. If you wish to borrow these please ask Mandy or Caroline.

*Mandy, Caroline, Linda, Amy C, Lee, Dee, Shaunie and Amy L*



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### February 2020 Holiday Club Booking form

Dear Parents/Carers, please could you indicate the hours you require (bookings made on the hour please) on the corresponding days e.g. 8am – 6pm, 9am – 3pm etc. A hot meal is served at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	

Child(ren) Name (s):.....

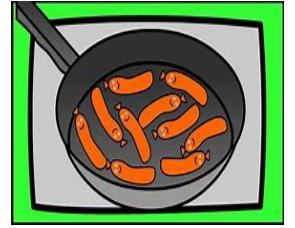
Please could forms be returned by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** so that staffing can be organised. If you require a paper copy please ask. If returning by email please email to [lh-bartlow@btconnect.com](mailto:lh-bartlow@btconnect.com)

Thank you.

## Counting rhymes:

### Ten fat sausages

Ten fat sausages, sizzling in a pan, one went pop and the other went bang!  
Eight fat sausages, sizzling in a pan, one went pop and the other went bang!  
Six fat sausages, sizzling in a pan, one went pop and the other went bang!  
Four fat sausages, sizzling in a pan, one went pop and the other went bang!  
Two fat Sausages, sizzling in a pan, one went pop and the other went bang!  
No fat sausages sizzling in a pan



### 5 Little Ducks went swimming one day

**Five little ducks** went swimming one day.  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother Duck Said Quack Quack Quack Quack!  
But only four little ducks came back!

Then 4,3,2,1

**No little ducks** went swimming one day.  
Over the hills and far away.  
Mother Duck Said Quack Quack Quack Quack!  
And all five little ducks came back!



### Five little speckled frogs

**Five little speckled frogs**, sat on a speckled log,  
eating some most delicious grubs! YUM YUM!  
One jumped into the pool,  
where it was nice and cool,  
now there are four green speckled frogs.  
GLUB GLUB!

Then 4,3,2

**One little speckled frog**,  
sat on a speckled log,  
eating some most delicious grubs! YUM YUM!  
He jumped into the pool,  
where it was nice and cool,  
now there are no green speckled frogs.  
GLUB GLUB!



## Five little monkeys swinging from a tree

FIVE little monkeys swinging from a tree  
teasing Mr Crocodile  
'You can't catch me!'  
Along came Mr Crocodile  
as quietly as can be  
and snap! went the crocodile  
Then there were...

Then 4,3,2

ONE little monkey swinging from a tree  
teasing Mr Crocodile  
'You can't catch me!'  
Along came Mr Crocodile  
as quietly as can be  
and snap! went the crocodile  
Then there were...  
NO little monkeys swinging from a tree...oh no!

