

Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow Newsletter

October 2020

Welcome back after the half term holiday

Who can believe we are now into the second half of the Autumn Term.



Staffing

Amy Loveridge has left Little Hands and we wish her well for the future. Rebekah Dogget is joining us for the rest of the academic year. We welcome her to the team and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Theme

This half term we will be reading stories about Elmer the patchwork elephant. Discussing how he is different to other elephants. We will then move on to look at differences between each of us, hair colour, height, eyes etc. We will find out about the Hindu festival Diwali that takes place between the 12th and 16th of November. Finishing the term with the festive season that will soon be upon us.

Our Staying Safe theme this half term is about being lost - how we would feel, what we should do and how not to get lost. We will approach this topic through stories (below):



Week 1/2 - Small Bear Lost and Dogger

Week 3/4 - Elmer and the Lost Teddy and

The Cat Who Lost His Purr

Week 5/6 - Alone in the Woods and Little Baa.

Dates:

End of Autumn term: Friday 18th December

Spring Term start: Monday 4th January

Christmas holiday club: Mon 21st Dec, Tues 22nd Dec, Wed 23rd Dec





Parents evening

As we are unable to have people on premises, we are going to offer Zoom appointments. If you would like to speak to your child's key worker, please let Mandy know and we will arrange a convenient time for the meeting to occur during the month of November.

Covid 19

Any new updates or guidance will be passed on to you as soon as they happen.

Children's Admission Details:

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

Children away from nursery

Please could we remind you that if your child is absent from nursery for any reason that you please inform us that same day by 10am. If we cannot reach the telephone, then please leave a message.

Clothing:

Please can we ask that clothing is named. We have several tops outside on the back fence (unnamed). Please have a look and see if they belong to your child. Now the weather is turning colder please send your child in with appropriate coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies with them all named, thank you.



Holiday Club:

The form for booking holiday club is attached below. Please could they be returned by Monday 9th November. Unfortunately, we are unable to take older siblings or children wishing to return for holiday club in the current situation. We will be reviewing this continually and will inform when there are any changes.

30-hour funding codes

Please can I remind parents/carers that have qualified for the 30-hour funding that you need to do an eligibility check every 3 months with HMRC from when you were first given the code. HMRC should send you a reminder by email. Also, a reminder if you will be claiming Early Years Funding and you think you might be eligible for the 30 hours extended entitlement then please make sure that you get your code before 31/12/2020 to start January 2021, (where possible can Mandy have the code by Monday 14th December). If you do not it is unlikely that you will be able to claim until April 2021. There are strict cut off dates which have been issued by government.



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Christmas holiday club booking form

Name(s):

Please could you indicate the hours you require. A hot meal is served at 4.15pm.
Thank you.

tick hours required	Early Start		Lunch		Late finishes		
	08.00 - 09.00	09.00 - 12.00	12.00 - 13.00	13.00 - 15.00	15.00 - 16.00	16.00 - 17.00	17.00-18.00
Monday 21 st Dec							
Tuesday 22 nd Dec							
Wednesday 23 rd Dec							

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Thank you