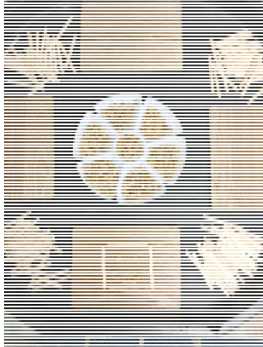


Autumn 2nd Half Newsletter.

Welcome back 🍁

What a half term we had.....





The children have been enjoying the change in season and we have embraced this alongside them.

They have been out on many lovely winter walks and been looking at the colours changing on the trees, the fallen leaves on the ground. They have been conker collecting and counting and sorting and matching.

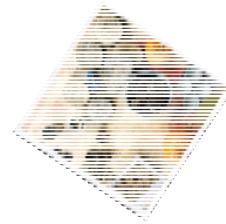
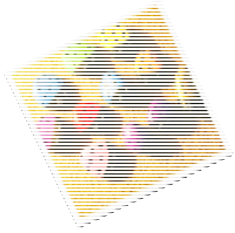
They have been pumpkin smashing, drilling, hammering and threading bamboo pieces onto spaghetti on the pumpkins.

We have been learning about where pumpkins from and have looked at pictures of pumpkin patches!! The children have learnt two new pumpkin songs.... 5 little pumpkins and 5 little pumpkins sitting on the gate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm1qvX1ygOo>

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=you+tube+5+little+pumpkin+song&view=detail&mid=8A68753934AD596E26B78A68753934AD596E26B7&FORM=VIRE>

THIS HALF TERM.....



This half term the children are carrying on with our winter theme, the Pumpkins are still very much a feature and we will get to some carving and looking at the insides of the pumpkins to see what is in there!

The changes of the colours and the changing scene outside is giving us lots of opportunities to learn and talk about the world around us.

If you wish to extend this learning at home, you could look at what you see outside in your garden or on walks, collect some things that your child particularly likes the look of and bring it into nursery to add to our Nature table. You could make a bird feeder to invite the birds into your garden and then look up what different birds you see!!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-recycled-bird-feeder/>

We will be making some of these at nursery so the children should be able to explain what you need!

Some of our preschoolers will be doing our Outdoor explorer group on a Monday morning this term so please look out for information about this via email. This is a great opportunity to take the children up on the moor and offer them a different learning opportunity. We will move the session day half termly so all the preschool children will have the chance to participate.

We are also continuing to visit Moorlands and the children and residents have greatly enjoyed this so we will continue to offer this. If your child is a preschooler then they will be offered the chance to go to every Wednesday afternoon, we will change the day in January so all preschoolers get the chance to go.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NOVEMBER 11TH - 15TH PYJAMA PARTY

We are raising money for children in need, if your child would like to come in, in pyjamas sometime this week then please do, we will leave a donation pot in the foyer if you wish to donate.

DECEMBER 13TH CHRISTMAS JUMPER/TSHIRT DAY

We will be wearing christmas Jumpers and the children are very welcome to join in.

DECEMBER 16TH COFFEE EVENING

This was so succesful in June that we are going to offer it again this next year. You are invited to come along and have a coffee, tea or cake with us and have a look at what the children have been up to. All the staff will be there so it's a great opportunity to come and chat to them about what your child has been doing and a catch up.

DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING

Come in and make a Christmas Craft with your child, either bring in your child on either of those mornings or stay when you drop off and make a craft with your child. These sessions are free and are a great oportunity to come and have some fun with your child at Nursery. Please let either sharon or Courteney know if you are planning on coming.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are just waiting for Santa to let us know what day he is free to come and visit us at Little hands and then we will let you know the date. The children are very welcome to come in that day in Christmas party wear (but maybe a change of clothes for after the party please)



ILLNESS

Our policy for the dreaded sickness and diarrhoea bug is 48 hours away from Nursery. Please don't bring your child into nursery until they have had 48 hours since their last bout, we have had a real run of it last term with children and staff and we would like to try to keep it at bay as much as we can. I really appreciate your support in this as I know how difficult this can be especially as normally after 24 hours they are bouncing around looking fine!!

For all other illnesses we follow the latest guidelines from NHS Direct which does change from time to time so if you are worried about whether to bring your child in then please do check the website

If you have had to give your child any medication to help them get through the day ie Calpol then we would ask you to not bring them in that day.

E-mail address

Our e-mail address is lh-melbourn@btconnect.com and lhmelbourn1@gmail.com if you would like to contact us in this way. Please note that the emails are not always checked if we are busy so if your query is urgent then please phone us instead.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Little Hands preferred payment methods are direct bank payments or Childcare vouchers. Payments should be made within 2 weeks of the invoice date or a late pay fee of £20 will be added. Alternative payment arrangements (cheque or cash) or timings may be possible please speak to the nursery manager in advance

Direct Bank Payments

Fees can be paid directly into the nursery bank account either at a bank/post office or via Internet banking. The nursery bank details are:

Bank: HSBC
Sort Code: 401659
Account Number: 60037524

The payment should be referenced with your child's name and written notification emailed to Jane Marshall little.hands@icloud.com stating your child's name, payment amount and date payment has been made; this is essential to prevent payments being mistakenly attributed to the wrong family. If email is not an option, the written notification can be given as a note/letter to the nursery manager.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Please note that our pick up times are **12, 1.00, 3.00, 4.00 - 5.00 and 5-5.30** if you come at any other time then please be patient if we don't open the door straight away, we are often in numbers with the children and can't leave to open the door until we have made sure the children are safe, if you can stick to our pick up times (or as close as possible) it would be greatly appreciated. Our opening hours are 8.00 am until 5.30 pm, please make sure you are here to pick up your child at the time they are booked in until. Please let us know as soon as you can if you are going to be a few minutes late so we can prepare your child that you will be a few minutes late picking up.

As our policy states we will charge a late fee for parents that are late picking upon a regular basis.

As the weather changes please make sure your child comes into nursery with appropriate clothing and named spare clothes in their bag.

Christmas Holiday Club has gone out for this half term so please make sure you fill that in and get back to me if you require holiday club.

Many Thanks
Sharon and Team.

