

## **Little Hands Linton Newsletter April 2017**

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*Welcome back and we hope you all had a good break.*

### **Staffing**

Within the next 3 weeks we will be welcoming 2 members of staff to the team at Little Hands. Margarita Khoruzhenko and Emma White.

### **Topic**

For the first 2 weeks our theme will be Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be reading the story, growing beans-discussing what plants need to help them grow, whether Jack was right to take things from the giant and carrying out a variety of craft activities.

Week 3 we will have a science week. Children will have the opportunity to carry out a variety of experiments, predicting what may happen, the findings, what has happened and why.

Weeks 4-6 We will read the story of Handa's Surprise and carry out activities relating to the stories such as, counting fruit, talking about the animals, discussions about Africa looking at similarities and differences to where we live.

Our Staying Safe theme this term is safe/un safe places to play.

### **Important Dates**

**Invoices due**

**Group/individual photographs**

**1<sup>st</sup> Summer Term ends**

**2<sup>nd</sup> summer term begins**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9am**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Invoices**

Invoices should be paid by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment please speak to Mandy in confidence.

### **Payment details for invoices:**

Bank: HSCB

Account name: Little Hands Nursery School Limited

Sort code: 401659

Account no: 60037524

Please include your child's name on the payment

### **September 2017 Bookings**

Please could I have any outstanding forms returned so that we can start planning ahead for September.

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

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

### **Children away from nursery**

Please could we ask that if your child is absent from nursery for any reason that you please inform us that same day. If you do not contact us we will call to find out the reason for absence. This a requirement we have to undertake.

### **Make Up Sessions**

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions will not be easy this term, we will try to accommodate where we can.

### **Sun cream**

We are getting to the time of year when we may still need our wellington boots but also a sun hat and sun cream. Please make sure that your child comes with a named sun hat, preferably one that they can leave at nursery. Please apply sun cream to your child's skin in the morning/afternoon before they arrive at nursery, we will assume this has been done. If your child stays all day please provide a named bottle of sun cream for your child so that we can reapply in the afternoons.

### **Garden**

We would like to make you aware (remind you) that the likely hood of children coming home clean is unlikely. Whilst we had new bark laid last summer we are a very rural garden. This will entail dust emerging and sticking to sun cream. We will obviously clean children as much as possible.

### **Lunch Boxes/Clothing**

**Please**, label lunch boxes on their **outside, inside small boxes** and **drink bottles** to make it easier for staff to identify them. If you are putting a new food in the lunch box for your child to try then please let staff know. We always assume that whatever is in their lunch box they will eat and consequently encourage them to do so. Children have a strong perception of fairness. We do not like to excuse some children from eating some foods while asking others to do so.

Just like lunch boxes please could children have items of clothing named. This helps staff a lot when trying to place garments on the correct pegs.

### **Sainsbury Vouchers**

Please continue to bring in any vouchers you have. Thank you.

*Mandy, Caroline, Michelle, Julia, Jill, Amy, Linda, Zack*