



Little Hands Bourn Newsletter November/December 2021

Hi everyone! Welcome back, and a warm welcome to our new children and their families! It's going to be another busy half term packed with lots of fun leading us up to Christmas.

What have we been up to?

The children have had a great first half term; as well as the usual fun-packed indoor/outdoor exploration, we had a visit from Ray with his red tractor, and we walked to the church with our foodbank donations. Here are some photos, but you can see more on Tapestry and on our Instagram page ([littlehandsnurseryschools](https://www.instagram.com/littlehandsnurseryschools/))!



Extended Hours from January

We are hoping that we can keep to our plan of extending our hours from the 6th January to an earlier start at 8am, and a later closing time of 5.30pm. Please let us know by email as soon as possible if you would like to book any extended hours so that we can get all the arrangements in place on time.

If you would like to increase your child's sessions from January please let us know now so that we can check availability.

Staff News

We said goodbye to Rachael last week; Rachael has worked at Little Hands since 2010 but was with us since 2005 as a mummy. When all three of her children had finished their time at Little Hands, Rachael jokingly asked if there was a job going because she was going to miss us - and there was, so the rest is history! Siobhan also left Little Hands after a long absence. We wish them both well!

Congratulations to Marta and Edel who will be taking on the shared role of Deputy Manager and to Shuk-Yee who will be taking on the role of Session Leader.

We are also delighted to announce that we have two new members of staff joining our team. A warm welcome to Freya and welcome **back** to Shanice!

Children's belongings

Please please please can you label EVERYTHING as it is really hard at home-time to gather children's coats, cardigans, bags, hats etc. if they are unnamed and some of the children are unable to tell us what is theirs. In addition, there are lots of popular brands of bottles and lunch boxes which means some children have

identical items. It is especially important that these items are labelled, in case of allergies, so we will make sure we write children's names on ALL unnamed items.

We have a few items on our lost property table; please have a look through the photo below and email us if you recognise something that is yours. There are also a few bottles of sun cream where the name has rubbed off – we have sent back all the named bottles in the children's bags but if you haven't had yours back and recognise the bottle in this photo, please let us know.



Activities

Our activities are 'in the moment' or based on your children's interests, with some 'provocation' activities set up by the staff team. If there is anything that you would like us to cover 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.

Key worker chats and review meetings

Please feel free to call or email if you need to arrange to speak to your child's key worker or get a message to them – we mustn't lose sight of these important things because of the pandemic, so please do ask if you'd like us to arrange this for you.

Those of you who joined us since the summer holidays will receive an invitation to a review meeting now that your children have settled in. This is an opportunity for you to speak to a senior member of staff who will explain the nursery workings and curriculum further. We will ask you to complete a 'More About Me' which will support your child's key worker to make assessments on their progress. To help you with this, the Department for Education has devised a booklet called 'What to Expect in the Early Years'.

This booklet is useful for everyone as it is the revised version of 'What to Expect When' which was sent previously with review meeting invitations. You can access it using this link: https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2QwuiMy7BpWiVwUWp3TNEOG9esf82fFeJpxN_jFf_vFaXsUibH73Wrftl

50 Things to Do Before You're 5

If you haven't downloaded this app yet, then do!! It has FIFTY low or no cost activities for families in a FREE app. Just search for it in your app store or scan the QR code which is on display on the window at the entrance to nursery.

Christmas Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. The booking forms is attached with the email to this newsletter and paper copies are available from nursery, so please ask for one if you would like one. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 12th November**.

Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands Bourn



The Little Hands Team



...so you can put a face to the names!

Senior Staff:



*Pam
Manager*



*Edel
Deputy Manager*



*Marta
Deputy Manager*



*Shuk-Yee
Session Leader*

Practitioners:



Emma



Jilly



Jodie



Paula



Shanice



Freya

Designated Officers:

Child Protection Prevent Online Safety	Pam and Marta (Marta to complete training)
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SENDCO)	Pam and Edel
Equalities	Pam and Shuk-Yee
Health & Safety Food & Hygiene	Pam

Remaining term dates 2021 – 2022

	Term weeks	Funded weeks
Autumn Term 2021	14 weeks	14 weeks
Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December	7 weeks	
<i>Christmas Holiday Club</i>	<i>20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020</i> <i>4th 5th January</i>	<i>6 days</i>
Spring Term 2022	11 weeks 2 days	11 weeks
Thursday 6th January – Friday 11th February	5 weeks 2 days	
<i>14th – 18th February Half Term Holiday Club</i>		
Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st	6 weeks	
<i>Easter Holiday Club</i>	<i>4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April</i>	<i>9 days</i>
<i>Easter Bank Holidays 15th and 18th April</i>		
Summer Term 2022	12 weeks 3 days	13 weeks
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	
<i>Summer Holiday Club</i>	<i>Monday July 25th to Friday September 2nd</i>	
<i>Back for Autumn Term 2022 possibly Monday September 5th 2022</i>		