



Newsletter New Year 2017

Welcome back to you all and we hope you had a truly magical Christmas with your little ones and that this coming year is filled with fun and laughter. The Nursery as always is ready to start the New Year fresh and enthusiastic full of great activities and loads of exciting play opportunities. Please take a moment to grab a sharing sheet from the foyer so you can see what your children will be getting up to this coming half term. These are also posted on the website if you want to find them there.

Newsletters - Digital.

Due to the high demand in requests to have newsletters emailed direct to parents this will be the last paper copy sent out. Attached with this newsletter is a request for a current up-to-date email address we can add to the group we will otherwise be using the email addresses from your child's admission forms. Please can you complete and return to Anne. There will still be a few hard copies available at nursery.

Childrens Records - Digital.

Just to keep you updated we will be looking to trail a new digital record system in the very near future and will be requesting some parents to be part of the trail.

Bauble Christmas competition.

Hugo won the competition on the preschool side of the Nursery, he was given some yummy chocolates from Santa. Ellis won the competition on the baby side of Nursery and Santa gave him a cuddly gingerbread man! Well done to everyone who entered and we have LOVED looking at all your wonderful creations, please feel free to take them home with you in the New Year to decorate your own trees next Christmas! The competition raised £40.00 which we will be using to buy an extra camera for nursery.

Weather

We have been so lucky with the weather last year but it is now beginning to get colder and wetter, please could we ask that you remember to bring your child into Nursery dressed for the winter weather. They will need a coat and some named wellies for fun stomping around in the garden. If you bring in hats, scarves, gloves please remember to label them so they don't get lost. As a Nursery we are always encouraging your children to gain a little independence so we ask them to help with taking coats, hats, gloves ect on and off and hang them on their peg so if they are labelled then we will be able to find the ones that don't quite make it!! It is always a good idea to have some spare clothes in their bag for when we do messy play activities but more so in Winter as they often come in from the garden wet and dirty so need a change of clothes.



Staff changes

We are very sad to lose Bernadette this January. Bernadette is having a break from little hands to spend more time with her family and other commitments. We will miss her and hope to see her back here one day.

We have a lovely new staff member starting in January called Melina who comes highly qualified and with great enthusiasm.

Lynn as part of her degree course will be heading out to Australia for a term after February half term. This is a great opportunity for Lynn to experience a different type of curriculum and teaching.



Illness

WOW we had some illnesses last term across the nursery; hopefully this New Year will see all the children recovered, rested and ready to play..... HOWEVER please remember if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea they may only return to nursery after 48hrs clear from the last episode.

Please note that non prescribed medicines that include Paracetamol, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, cold and cough remedies and similar medicines which reduce pain and high fevers in children are not to be given at Nursery unless prescribed for a long term medical condition. If your child is still requiring this type of medicine to help them over a short term illness then nursery will presume the child is not well enough to return to nursery.



Fee's

All fee's are due 2 weeks after the invoice date (5th January) to avoid late payment charges, unless approved arrangements have been made with the manager (Anne). If you are paying by childcare vouchers please ensure that they are paid regularly as agreed to avoid charges.

Little Hands Bank account details are as follows.

HSBC

Sort code 40-16-59

Account number 60037524.

Little Hands registration code with Ofsted if you need it is EY485624.

Make up sessions

There is no refund of fees for sessions missed because of holidays taken in term time, or sickness; however, we do try to offer make up sessions lost because of sickness whenever possible. Make up sessions can only be taken if there is a vacant fully staffed session available and must be taken in the half term that the missed session occurred. Because of our high children's numbers this is becoming extremely difficult to facilitate and it may not be possible to make up all the sessions missed. Unfortunately we are unable to make up funded sessions.

Please remember that make up sessions should not be booked until your child is sufficiently recovered to manage their usual week.

Term Dates

Spring term start 5th January 2017 -10th February

Half term Holiday club 13th February - 17th February

20th February -31st March

Dates to remember

Thank you

Anne

Childs name

I would like my email address below, be used for any digital newsletter and up to date information regarding nursery.

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