



Little Hands Bourn Newsletter February/March 2022

Hi everyone and welcome back to nursery!

What have we been up to?

We got lots of fun into a short half term! We participated in the RSPB Bird Watch, we marked Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year with lots of fun and activities too! Our curriculum may be child led but we do have lots of 'invitations' to play which the children can enjoy. Here's a selection of these moments...







What's New?



As you all know, from Monday 31st January we extended our opening hours to 5.30pm which means that we are serving hot food at 4.30pm. The children have been enjoying lots of nutritious meals:

Before...

After...

If you would like to book a later finish time, please let us know. For the rest of this year, as an introductory offer, the meals are free. We will only charge or claim funding for the extra hours.

Staff News

We are saying goodbye to Freya who will be leaving us on the 28th February to go travelling. Emma will also be leaving us at the end of this half term, as she would like to spend more time with her family. We will miss them both and wish them all the best. We are currently recruiting and will keep you posted on our progress.

Children's belongings

We say this every time but please label ALL your children's belongings. It is sometimes really hard to gather children's coats, cardigans, bags, hats etc. at home time 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 such as Spiderman and Frozen 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 items that are unnamed.

We have accumulated a few items on our lost property table; below is a photo of the latest collection. Please let us know if any of these items belong to your child and we will make sure that you get them back.



Easter Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the Easter Holiday Club. The booking forms is attached with the email to this newsletter. We will be closed on Monday 4th April and on Good Friday the 15th April. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 4th March.**

Weather Appropriate Clothing

The children enjoy going outside in all types of weather - so at Little Hands we like to encourage this so please make sure that they are equipped with weather appropriate clothing, including coat, wellies, and spare clothes in case they get messy!

Activities

All our activities are 'in the moment' or based on your children's interests. 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

We know that you are not able to chat to us at the door as easily as before, so 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.

Garden Plans - please help!

We are hoping to make some improvements in the garden by making a construction area for the children to enjoy building with real materials and as spring is in the way we would like to do some planting so that the children

can learn about how things grow. If you have any unwanted items from the list below, please let us know:

Bricks, Palettes, Small cable reels, Guttering, Drain pipes,
Trellis

Shrubs, Plants, Flowers, Fruit/Vegetables (runner beans in particular)

******* Please remember to keep us updated on any changes to your contact details or your child's medical or dietary needs. *******

Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands Bourn



The Little Hands Bourn Team

Senior Staff:

Pam Marsden - Manager

Edel Brophy – Deputy Manager

Marta Wierzbicka – Deputy Manager

Shuk-Yee Lee-Wan – Session Leader

Practitioners:

Jill Carter, Paula Cooper, Shanice Cooper,

Freya Jackson, Jodie Perry, Emma Worth

Designated Persons:

Child Protection Prevent Online Safety	Pam and Marta
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		
Spring Term 2022 – 2nd half		
Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st	6 weeks	
<i>Easter Holiday Club 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April 8 days</i>		
<i>(Closed Monday 4th April 2022)</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)		
<i>30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days</i>		
<i>(2nd & 3rd June bank holidays - closed)</i>		
Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July	7 weeks	

Summer Holiday Club Monday July 25th to Friday September 2nd – To be confirmed

Back for Autumn Term 2022 possibly Monday September 5th 2022