

September 2019

Hello everyone and a very warm welcome back to those returning and to our new children and their families. We are looking forward to all the fun that we are going to have in this new school year 2019-2020! Below is some important information for the beginning of the year and the term dates. We will also be sending out emails of any special events and updates as they come up so please look out for these. Please make sure that you also update us if there are any changes to your child's health/care needs or emergency contact details.

Doorbell

We are sure that you all appreciate that this time of year especially is very busy with new children settling in and returning children resettling after a long summer break. We would just like to ask you to be patient if you are arriving early or late to drop off or collect your child and be mindful when using the doorbell as it may be a trigger for some of the children who are struggling to settle because they will associate it with their mummy/daddy arriving to collect them. We would therefore ask that you do not press the doorbell if it is only minutes to the allotted 'door times' (i.e. 9am, 12pm, 1pm, 2.45pm, 3pm and 4pm). We will make sure that someone is available to open the door at these times - if we are a little late it will be because we are supporting the children and will be with you as soon as we can. If you do need to press the doorbell, please do so **only once** and then please kindly wait. You can call the nursery number (01954 710656) if you think that we have not heard the doorbell. We would also like to point out that late collections/drop offs can also disrupt the session because an adult has to be released from the children's numbers to get to the door. In addition, if your child is waiting for you at a certain time and you have not arrived, it can be quite distressing for them, so please try to be on time. We understand that sometimes being late cannot be helped and at these times we would appreciate an email or a call so that we can give your child the explanation or extra support if it is needed. **Repeated late collections will incur a penalty in line with our policies.**

Spanish Lessons at Little Hands

Laura Garcia from Kidslingo comes to Little Hands every Wednesday from 11.15-11.45 to teach Spanish. This is an optional extra activity; if your child is already booked in on Wednesdays we can accompany them for the 30 minute session, if they do not attend on Wednesdays but you would like them to participate then you are welcome to book in as long as you can accompany your child for the duration of the activity. Last year the cost was £3 per session; we have not yet been notified of any increase but will keep anyone who is interested posted. Laura will be coming in on Wednesday 18th September for a **free taster session**, so please let me know if you would like your child to take part in this. You are welcome to come in to observe the taster session but if you are worried that this may unsettle your child, we are happy to feed back to you.

Sun Cream

Please make sure that you apply sun cream on your children before they come into nursery. We will reapply sun cream after lunch on the children that stay all day so please make sure that their named bottle of sun cream is in the dedicated box on the front table.

Children's Belongings

As we start the new year please may we remind everyone to label all their children's belongings: clothing, footwear, hats, water bottles, bags, lunch boxes etc. This helps us to identify your children's belongings at home time, but it is also important when it comes to food and drink because of children's allergies.

We do have a 'lost property' box which is in the foyer; please look through this from time to time to claim your children's belongings. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop at the end of each half term.

October Half Term Holiday Club

We have started to take bookings for the October $\frac{1}{2}$ Term Holiday Club. If you would like to book a space for your child, please complete a booking form. You can either email us to request a booking form or pick one up as we have a few on the front table in the foyer.

Our Contact details

If you need to contact us during the session you can email us: lh.bourn@gmail.com or call us on 01954 710656.

Please scroll down/turn the page for the 2019-2020 term dates

Term dates 2019 – 2020

	Term weeks	funded weeks
Autumn Term 2019	14 weeks	14 weeks
Monday 9th September – Friday 18th October	6 weeks	
21st - 25th October	half term	holiday club
Monday 28th October - Friday 20th December	8 weeks	
<i>Christmas holiday club</i>	<i>23rd December 2019 & 2nd 3rd January 2020</i>	<i>3 days</i>
Spring Term 2020	11 weeks 2 days	11 weeks
Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February	6 weeks	
17th – 21st February	half term	holiday club
Monday 24th February – Tuesday 31st March	5 weeks 2 days	
<i>Easter holiday club</i>	<i>1st 2nd 3rd - 6th 7th 8th 9th - 14th 15th 16th 17th April</i>	<i>11 days</i>
<i>Easter bank holidays</i>	<i>10th and 13th April</i>	
Summer Term 2020	12 weeks 3 days	13 weeks
Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May	4 weeks 4 days	
(8th May bank holiday (FRIDAY) - closed)		
25th - 29th May	half term	holiday club
Monday 1st June - Thursday 23rd July	7 weeks 4 days	
<i>summer holiday club</i>	<i>Friday 24th July to Friday 4th September</i> (Bourn's closure dates to be confirmed)	

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