

## April 2015

Hello and welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. I would like to say a warm welcome to the children and families who are joining us this term. This half term is going to be a busy one with lots of fun stuff planned. Firstly, I am really pleased to inform you all that Edel and Rachael have now completed their Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce, so a big congratulations to them both!

### September 2015 Booking Forms:

Thank you to all who have returned their booking forms for September. Please remember that the cut-off date for changing September sessions is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**; any changes after this are subject to seven weeks term-time notice. I will be confirming your bookings after **11<sup>th</sup> May** so don't worry if you can't remember what you've asked for. If you haven't returned your booking form yet, please do so to ensure you get your preferred sessions; I will now begin to send out booking forms to children on the waiting list.

### Fees

Please pay your invoices, which were handed out last half term, within the two week payment period. The last day for payment this half term is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**; all late payments will incur an automatic £20 fee, unless prior arrangements have been made with me. If you prefer to make an online payment, the nursery bank details are:

**HSBC Bank**

**Sort Code: 401659**

**Account No. 60037524**

### Holiday Club

If you would like to book your child into the May half term holiday club please complete the attached booking form. Please remember that we take bookings on a 'supply/demand' basis so please return your booking forms by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** so that I can arrange sessions and staffing.

### Group Photograph

The photographer will be taking the summer term group photograph on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. The photograph will be in panoramic format (18x16), where the children are photographed in small groups which are then put together; this is an especially great memento for the children who will be leaving for school in September so they don't forget us! If your child does not attend on Wednesdays but you would like them included you are welcome to come in; just let me know so I can include them in the group shots.

### Contact Details:

**Please remember to keep me informed of changes to your child's health or personal details including mobile phone numbers and contact details. Here is a reminder of our contact details too:**

The nursery telephone number is: **07708 061575**

The nursery e-mail address is: **lh.bourn@gmail.com**

# Planning Summer Term 2015 (First Half)

## Week 1

13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April

**Dress up Week** - we will be encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite characters. We have lots of costumes at nursery but if the children would like to wear their own they are most welcome to. We will also be starting to plant some vegetables in our garden this week so that we can watch them grow and (hopefully) eat them at snack time throughout the summer term.

## Week 2

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Castles & Dragons** - we will be learning about castles and stepping back into medieval times. We will be making flags, swords, shields, crowns and princesses hats. Snack times and lunchtimes will be turned into 'banquets' where knights, kings, queens, princesses and princes dine (with the occasional superhero I am sure). This includes St George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April so a dragon or two may also pay a visit.

## Week 3

27<sup>th</sup> Apr- 1<sup>st</sup> May

**People who help us** - as part of the Staying Safe curriculum, we will be learning about what we can do if we need help from grown-ups and who those people might be. We will be learning about the emergency services but also about who can help us if we are sad or worried about something.

## Week 4

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> May

**Spring** - We will be learning about baby animals, animal life cycles and looking at the outdoor environment (flowers, blossom on the trees, the weather and temperatures). We will use these as inspiration to create spring pictures and collages.

## Week 5

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May

**Springwatch** - Continuing on with the Spring theme, we will be going on nature walks, bug hunts, and listening walks. We will use various recording devices such as voice recorders, cameras and video cameras to record our experiences and collect natural materials to make collages combining these with last week's creations to make a beautiful spring display board.

## Week 6

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**About Time** - we will be using language to encourage the children to learn about different time concepts. We shall make turn our role play area into a

time machine to transport us into the past to visit the dinosaurs and into the future where we can imagine what things will be like! **Please bring in some photographs of your children as babies** and the staff will do the same so we can show the children how time can change people as they grow. We will be putting a time capsule together to bury for the future and will be exploring some objects that they may not be accustomed to such as a typewriter, an old telephone or a record player. If you have any items you can bring in to help with this please let us know.

More information about our activities will be displayed on posters by the entrance door or on the parents' notice boards in the foyer so please look out for these. These ideas are a loose plan of some activities we will be doing but we always respond to the children's interests and ideas and make changes to suit their needs and wishes. If you have any ideas you would like to add please let us know.

**We always welcome parents to come in to nursery to carry out activities with the children, so please let us know if any of our ideas have inspired you to come in and share your ideas with us. Similarly, if you would like to share your family's celebrations with us, please let us know and we can incorporate them into our planning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have been in to carry out activities last half term - we had lots of fun! Look out for the photographs in the blue folder on the front table. Grandparents' week was a resounding success, thank you so much to everyone who joined in. BUT please do not wait for an invitation to another Grandparents' week to come and see us again - you are welcome anytime!**

Please also remember that we open the door at 3.50pm every afternoon for you to join us for story time. Older and younger siblings and other family members are also welcome. If you or any family member would like to read the story, please let us know as it is always nice for the children to experience story telling/reading from different people and it may make your child very happy and proud to have a loved one read the story at nursery. If this time does not suit you and you would like to join us for a story time, it can always be arranged so please let us know.

**We are always open to suggestions and new ideas so please share your views with us by talking to us at drop off/collection times or jot them down on a piece of paper and hand them in to any member of staff.**

# Remaining Dates for Summer 2015

## Summer Term 2015

13th April - 22nd May

5 weeks 4 days

**(4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday - Closed)**

26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May      *Half Term Holiday Club*

1st June - 20th July

7 weeks & 1 day

*Summer Holiday Club from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (dates to be confirmed)*

## Term Dates 2015-2016

### Autumn Term 2015

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

7 weeks

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October      *Half Term Holiday Club*

2<sup>nd</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> December

7 weeks

*Christmas Holiday Club 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December*

***(Closed between Christmas and New Year)***

### Spring Term 2016

4<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February

11 weeks

6 weeks

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February      *Half Term Holiday Club*

22<sup>nd</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> March

4 weeks 4 days

*Easter Holiday Club 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> April, and 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> April*

***(Easter Bank Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March – Closed)***

### Summer Term 2016

11<sup>th</sup> April - 27<sup>th</sup> May

6 weeks 4 days

**(2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday - Closed)**

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June      *Half Term Holiday Club*

6<sup>th</sup> June - 19<sup>th</sup> July

6 weeks & 2 days

*Summer Holiday Club – Dates to be confirmed*

# HOLIDAY CLUB – May Half Term 2015

Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**We can accept children from ages 2 – 8, so older siblings and their friends are also welcome**

Sessions required (please circle):

Monday	<b>25/5</b>	<b>Closed (Bank Holiday)</b>
Tuesday	26/5	8.30-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-4.30
Wednesday	27/5	8.30-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-4.30
Thursday	28/5	8.30-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-4.30
Friday	29/5	8.30-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-4.30

**Please return by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

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**Please use the space below to let us know of any activity ideas/toys your child(ren) would like for us to include in the Holiday Club Planning**