

October/November 2018

Hello everyone, and a warm welcome to the children and their families who have recently joined us; I hope you had a lovely half term break. This half term is going to be a busy one, packed with fun activities and ending with Christmas festivities!

Staff News

We would like to welcome Charlotte and Savannah who are joining us to carry out their work experience at Little Hands. Charlotte is at Long Road Sixth Form College and she is going to be here on Wednesdays, and Savannah will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays and she is a student at Cambridge Regional College.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be on Monday 12th November from 7-9 pm. To book a 10 minute consultation with your child's key worker please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this newsletter by **Wednesday 7th November** or email me with your preferred times and I will get a confirmation back to you.

Winter Weather & Children's Belongings

Access to the garden is available all year round, so please provide your children with suitable clothing, labelled clearly with their name, in case they choose to play outside. Please take your children's belongings home at the end of each session as we are in shared premises, and unable to store children's belongings overnight. Please also remember to claim any 'lost property' from the foyer; all unclaimed items will be donated to charity shops at the end of each term. I would like to remind you that it is especially important that lunch boxes and drinks bottles are clearly labelled due to possible issues with allergies/dietary requirements. **In line with our policies, we will label any unnamed lunch boxes or drinks bottles to avoid children using the wrong ones.**

Children's Photographs

The children's photographs taken on Thursday 18th October are back and will be left for you to collect on the front table. If you would like to place an order, please complete and return your order form by Friday 16th November to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas.

Road Safety Week and other activities

I have signed us up for Road Safety Week which is from 19th -25th November. If you would like to check out the website for the event please visit: <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/> We would welcome any help to raise awareness of road safety, so if you have any ideas or just want to get involved please let us know so we can arrange for you to come in to play.

Of course towards the end of this half term, glitter will take over the nursery for Christmas! If anyone would like to come in to share their favourite Christmas crafts or stories please let us know - we would LOVE to have you! We would also love to hear about your child's interests so please let any of us know and we can incorporate them into the sessions. We are always happy for parents and other family members to come in to play and have had some wonderful activities run by parents and grandparents in the past (you can see photos of these in the blue folder on the front table). Also, please let us know of the festivals and celebrations that your family participates in so we can mark these within our themes. Your input will ensure we do this authentically, using your knowledge and experiences rather than 'Googled' images and text.

Christmas Holiday Club

I am now taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. We will be open on 20th and 21st December, closed between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day then open again on 2nd, 3rd and 4th January 2019. If you would like to book a place, please complete and return a booking form which is attached to email with this newsletter. If you prefer a paper copy, there are some on the front table but please let me know if they have run out, so I can print some more off.

Our Contact Details

If you need to get in touch with us our telephone number is 01954 710656 and our email address is lh.bourn@gmail.com.

Please remember to notify us if there have been any changes to your contact details or to your child's health or medical needs.

Parents' evening - Monday 12th November 2018 7pm-9pm

I would like to book a 10 minute consultation for my child (name)..... with
his/her keyworker (name)My preferred times are.....

Confirmation Slip (to be completed by Little Hands) for Parents' Evening - 12th November 7pm-9pm

Child's Name.....

A 10 minute appointment has been made with..... (child's key worker)
at..... (time slot).

Remaining Dates for 2018-2019

	Term weeks	funded weeks
Autumn Term 2018		
<i>22nd - 26th October Half Term Holiday Club</i>		
29 th October - 19 th December	7 weeks 3 days	
<i>Christmas Holiday Club 20th 21st December 2018 & 2nd 3rd 4th January 2019</i>		<i>5 days</i>
Spring Term 2019		
	11 weeks	11 weeks
Monday 7 th January – 15 th February	6 weeks	
<i>18th – 22nd February Half Term Holiday Club</i>		
Monday 25 th February – 29 th March	5 weeks	
Summer Term 2019		
	13 weeks	13 weeks
Monday 1 st - 5 th April	1 week	
<i>Easter Holiday Club 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 15th 16th 17th 18th April</i>		<i>9 days</i>
<i>Easter Bank Holidays 19th and 22nd April</i>		
Tuesday 23 rd April - 24 th May (6 th May Bank Holiday - closed)	4 weeks 3 days	
<i>27th - 31st May Half Term Holiday Club</i>		
3 rd June - Tuesday 23 rd July	7 weeks 2 days	
<i>Summer Holiday Club Wednesday 24th July to either Thursday 5th or Monday 9th September (closed for one week) All dates to be confirmed TBC</i>		