



## Little Hands Bourn Newsletter January 2022

**Hi everyone! Welcome back to nursery**

**We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and wishing you a Happy New Year!**

### **What have we been up to?**

Last half term was a very busy one, we had lots of festive fun: meeting Santa and exploring the Christmas sensory den, making lots of decorations! We hope that you saw the observations that were uploaded onto Tapestry and onto our Instagram account (littlehandsnurseryschools). If you would like to follow us on Instagram please find us and request to follow - all four of the Little Hands Nursery Schools contribute to the account so you get to see what we are all up to!

### **Covid-19 Contingency Plan**

We are returning to term time with increased Covid levels and with the usual winter bugs. This can mean that, as before Christmas, we may be faced with staff shortages which will affect our ratios. Following our outbreak management plan, and as a last resort, we may have to limit our children's numbers to maintain safe ratios. We will always consult with you before using this but you can help us by letting us know if your child is not coming in

for any reason so we have accurate numbers to plan ahead with.

### **Facemasks at pick up/drop off**

A gentle reminder, please wear a facemask at pickup/drop off when on the nursery premises.

### **Primary school applications**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, you need to apply for Reception for September 2022. For the pre-schoolers due to start Primary school in September 2022, you can apply online for a primary school place. The deadline for receipt of primary school applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

### **Weather appropriate clothing: Waterproof coat, gloves, hat and boots.**

As the weather is getting cold, wet and frosty we will still be going into the garden to play and to get some fresh air, please make sure that your children have weather appropriate clothing (waterproof coat, gloves, hat and boots). **Please make sure all your children's belongings are clearly labelled with their name** - we often have so many duplicates of hats, coats, shoes, and wellies that it is difficult to identify whose is whose.

### **Children's belongings and lost property**



Please continue to only send in the things that the children need and to label EVERYTHING!

Please take a look at the photo with the items on our lost property table and let us know if any of these belong to your child.

### **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 focus on that your child is interested in, a festival that your family celebrates or something that you are working towards with your child such as healthy eating, being kind etc... please let us know so that we can support you with this.

### **Coming soon...**

We would like to create a new construction area in the garden, if you have any unwanted gravel, smooth and splinter free planks of wood, a wooden palette we would be happy to give it a new home. Please look out for emails for further requests and information on 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.

### **February half term Holiday Club**

We are taking bookings for the February Half Term Holiday Club. The booking form is attached with the email to this newsletter and paper copies are available on request. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January** if you would like to book a place.

\*\*\*\*\* 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	Pam
Food & Hygiene	

### Remaining term dates 2021 – 2022

	Term weeks	Funded
<b>weeks</b>		
<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	11 weeks 2 days	11
weeks		
Thursday 6th January – Friday 11th February	5 weeks 2 days	
<i>14th – 18th February Half Term Holiday Club</i>		
Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st	6 weeks	
<i>Easter Holiday Club 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April</i>		<i>9 days</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)

30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days  
(2nd & 3rd June bank holidays - closed)

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July 7 weeks

*Summer Holiday Club Monday July 25th to Friday September 2nd*

*Back for Autumn Term 2022 possibly Monday September 5th 2022*