



**Little Hands Bourn Newsletter
November/December 2022**

Hi everyone! Welcome back, and a warm welcome to our new children and their families! It's going to be another busy half term packed with lots of fun leading us up to Christmas!

What have we been up to?

The children have had a great first half term; as well as the usual fun-packed indoor/outdoor exploration, we had a visit from Ray again this year with his red tractor, and we walked to the church with our foodbank donations.

Here are some photos, but you can see more on Tapestry and on our Instagram page which we share with the other Little Hands Nurseries. ([littlehandsnurseryschools](https://www.instagram.com/littlehandsnurseryschools/))!







Monthly Food Bank Donations

Thank you all so much for sending in your donations for the foodbank; we are hoping to make monthly donations and will change the day each time so that all children get to join in. Please look out for more information which will be emailed to you soon.

Tax Free Childcare

We are all feeling the pinch with prices for *everything* rising, so we just wanted to remind those of you paying fees that using the Tax Free Childcare scheme can save you 20% on your fees. To check if you are eligible or to find out more, please visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> If you do register for this scheme please make sure you give us your unique code so that we can allocate your payment correctly – you only need to do this once as we will keep the code on file.

Christmas Holiday Club

We have started taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. The booking form is attached with the email to this newsletter and paper copies are available from nursery, so please ask for one if you would like one. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 11th November**. Please look at our term dates carefully because we do not always open

in line with the local schools, and this time I think that we are closing for Christmas a few days earlier than the schools.

Children's Belongings

Please can you label EVERYTHING as it is really hard at home-time to gather children's coats, cardigans, bags, hats etc. 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 which means some children have identical items. It is especially important that these items are labelled, in case of allergies, so please be aware that we write children's names on ALL unnamed items.

Activities

Our activities are 'in the moment' or based on your children's interests, with some 'provocation' activities set up by the staff team. 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 and review meetings

Please feel free to call or email us if you need to arrange to speak to your child's key worker or get a message to them.

Those of you who joined us since the summer holidays will have received an invitation to a review meeting now that your children have settled in, we will also be sending out invitations for the children who started in September soon after half term. This is an opportunity for you to speak to a senior member of staff who will explain the nursery workings and curriculum further. We will ask you to complete a 'More About Me' which will support your child's key worker to make assessments on their progress. To help you with this, the Department for Education has devised a booklet called 'What to Expect in the Early Years'.

This booklet is useful for everyone as it is the revised version of 'What to Expect When' which was sent previously with review meeting invitations. You can access it using this link:

https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2QwuiMy7BpWiVwUWp3TNEOG9esf82fFeJpxN_jFf_vFaXsUibH73WrftI

Please remember to keep us updated with any changes in contact details and of course your children's dietary or medical needs.

Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands Bourn



The Little Hands Team

...so you can put a face to the names!

Senior Staff:



Pam
Manager
Manager

Edel
Deputy Manager

Marta
Deputy



Practitioners:



Designated Officers:

Child Protection Prevent Online Safety	Pam, Marta and Edel
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SENDCO)	Pam and Edel
Equalities	Pam and Shanice (supported by Jodie)
Health & Safety Food & Hygiene	Pam

Remaining Term dates 2022 – 2023

Funded weeks	Term weeks
Autumn Term 2022 14 weeks	14 weeks
Monday 31st October - Friday 16th December	7 weeks
<i>Christmas Holiday Club</i> 9 days	<i>19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2022 3rd 4th 5th 6th January</i>
Spring Term 2023 11 weeks	11 weeks
Monday 9th January – Friday 10th February	5 weeks
<i>13th – 17th February Half Term Holiday Club</i>	
Monday 20th February – Friday March 31st	6 weeks
<i>Easter Holiday Club</i> 3rd 4th 5th 6th & 11th 12th 13th 14th April 8 days	
<i>(Easter Bank Holidays 7th and 10th April – CLOSED)</i>	
Summer Term 2023 13 weeks	12 weeks 3 days
Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May	5 weeks 4 days
(1st May bank holiday - CLOSED)	
<i>29th May - 2nd June Half Term Holiday Club</i> 4 days	
(29th May Bank Holiday - CLOSED)	

Monday 5th June - **Monday July 24th**

7 weeks + 1 day

*Summer Holiday Club Tuesday July 25th to Friday September 1st 2023
maybe staff day Friday September 1st To Be Confirmed*

Autumn Term 2023 Monday September 4th 2023 – To Be Confirmed