

CHRISTMAS IS COMING 🎄🎄

We are now back into a new half term and we have been enjoying hearing all about fireworks night and plans for Christmas!!

We are busily planning our Christmas activities with the children and getting excited and everything that brings!

Keyworkers

If you would like to have a chat this term with your child's keyworker please let me know and we will make sure that you have the opportunity to talk, you should start receiving there summative reports this term which will give you a lovely overview of what they have been doing. As always we are really happy to catch up with any of you in person so please do let me know so that we can organise a meet up for you.

Nursery Day

Across both sides of the nursery we have been following the children's interests to see where their play takes their learning, this has led to some really lovely learning opportunities and we are thrilled that learning in the moment is such a positive way for our children to learn. We are so excited to see what this year will bring us as our children show us the things they want to learn about.

The butterfly children have been sharing a book a week for over a year now and it has really worked well, they are so invested in each book and all the talking points that come from it each day. Jade will continue putting a sign up each

week so you know which book we are currently sharing and this will give you an opportunity to talk to your child about it at home (most books are available via you tube)

We also have a lending library at the front of nursery so please feel free to borrow a book and share at home, we are concentrating this year in our Nursery on literacy as we know how important this in early years. Reading, stories, songs all help our little ones grow and develop and we want to spark their love of this early on! 📖

Dates for your Diary

We are so excited to be holding our first Craft Market (all proceeds are going towards Garden improvements)

This is on the Sunday 27th November as well as lots of lovely stalls we will have face painting, tattoos, lucky dip and some children's crafts available to do on the day!

We would like to invite you in to Nursery for a pj and story night this will be in December but we have yet to choose the night so please keep an eye on Tapestry because we will post the date there.

Reverse Advent Calender

This year we would like to ask for donations everyday in December for a local food bank. We would like to organise a couple of boxes to drop off before Christmas, I will put up

A list on the door of the kind of things we will be looking for and if you can spare a donation we would really

appreciate this. There is absolutely no pressure to provide anything it is just an idea that myself and the staff wanted to get behind to do our bit for our local community.

We also know how hard it is for lots of families this time of year so we have an emergency bag of food if anyone needs it then please ask to talk me on the door and we have also been gathering up a few children's toys for gifts at Christmas again please ask me if you know someone who might benefit from this.

Illness

Our policy for the dreaded sickness and diarrhoea bug is 48 hours away from Nursery. Please don't bring your child into nursery until they have had 48 hours since their last bout. I really appreciate your support in this as I know how difficult this can be especially as normally after 24 hours they are bouncing around looking fine!!

For all other illnesses we follow the latest guidelines from NHS Direct which does change from time to time so if you are worried about whether to bring your child in then please do check the website.

E-mail address

Our e-mail address is lh-melbourn@btconnect.com and [lhmelbourn1@gmail](mailto:lhmelbourn1@gmail.com) if you would like to contact us in this way. Please note that the emails are not always checked if we are busy so if your query is urgent then please phone us instead.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Little Hands preferred payment methods are direct bank payments or Childcare vouchers. Payments should be made within 2 weeks of the invoice date or a late pay fee of £20 will be added. Alternative payment arrangements or timings may be possible please speak to the nursery manager in advance

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR FEES ON TIME!

It takes a lot of my time having to chase up fees if they are late, we will ALWAYS try to help out if you need it but you need to talk to me so that we can get a plan in place. The fees always go out 2 weeks before the end of term if you haven't received an invoice then let me know and I can resend it. I really appreciate your help with this.

Direct Bank Payments

Fees can be paid directly into the nursery bank account either at a bank/post office or via Internet banking. The nursery bank details are:

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 401659

Account Number: 60037524

Collection of children

Please note that our pick up times are **12, 1.00, 3.00, 4.00 5.00 and 5.30. Please only ring the doorbell once, we will hear it but we may need to just wait until it is safe for a staff member to be released to open the door.**

If you can stick to our pick up times (or as close as

possible) it would be greatly appreciated.