

January 2020

Happy New Year! Welcome back, and a warm welcome to our new children and their families. We had a busy but lovely end to the year last term; we hope you liked the surprises your children brought home in their Christmas folders. We would like to say thank to you all for your kind wishes, cards and presents and hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and are ready for whatever the New Year brings.

Staff News

We said goodbye to Erika and Becky just before Christmas; Erika will be working at the Newton Little Hands which is closer to her home, and Becky will be working at another nursery closer to her home. We wish them both the best of luck and will definitely stay in touch! We are very happy to welcome Jill Carter and Emma Worth to our team; I am sure you will all get to meet them in the coming weeks.

School Admissions 2020

If your child will be 4 by 31st August you should apply for a school place by **15th January 2020**. You can apply online: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions or you can contact the admissions team (0345 0451370), but please speak to me if you need any help.

Holiday Club for February Half Term

I am already taking bookings for the February half term Holiday Club. If you would like to book your child(ren) in please complete a booking form. I can either send you an electronic one if you send me an email to request one, or you can collect one from the front table. The deadline for bookings is **Friday 10th January 2020**. I can still take bookings after this date, but the staffing will already have been set and it will therefore depend entirely on availability of spaces, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Parents' Evening

Back in November I sent out a survey asking for your feedback on the communication systems in place at Little Hands and asking your view on whether you feel you would like us to continue to offer parents' evenings. Out of 48 families, only 8 responded; of those 8, 6 said they would like parents' evenings to be offered. It is difficult to ascertain from this data whether parents' evenings are required by the remaining 40 families, so we have decided to offer one date this year to see if parents do wish to make bookings this will be on **Monday 10th February 7pm-8pm**. Please email me if you would like to book a slot to speak to a member of staff by Friday 31st January.

Remaining Term Dates 2019-

2020

Spring Term 2020

11 weeks 2 days

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Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

6 weeks

17th – 21st February

half term

holiday club

Monday 24th February – Tuesday 31st March

5 weeks 2 days

Easter holiday club 1st 2nd 3rd - 6th 7th 8th 9th - 14th 15th 16th 17th April

11 days

Easter bank holidays 10th and 13th April

Summer Term 2020

12 weeks 3 days

13 weeks

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

4 weeks 4 days

(8th May bank holiday (FRIDAY) - closed)

25th - 29th May

half term

holiday club

Monday 1st June - Thursday 23rd July

7 weeks 4 days

summer holiday club Friday 24th July to Friday 4th September (Closed Monday 17th-Friday 21st August and Monday 31st August – Bank Holiday)