



Little Hands Bourn Newsletter October/November 2020

Hi everyone! This is the first newsletter of this academic year. We had intended on sending one a few weeks into the Autumn term in September but as you know things didn't go to plan.

What's new?



We are just ending the October half term Holiday Club as this is being written and, in spite of everything, the children have adapted so well to all the new measures that we have introduced and have been absolutely amazing. It's safe to say their favourite additions have been our handwashing stations - they have become experts at handwashing, and some of them don't even need to be reminded!

What have we been up to?

The children have been enjoying being out in the garden lots; they have been looking for bugs in our bug hotel, splashing in muddy puddles and listening to stories on our new benches in the playhouse. They have also enjoyed some indoor activities such as carving pumpkins, just to name a few things.



Staff News

We have just said goodbye to Amy McClean, who has been with us since her Long Road student days (aged 16!). We also said goodbye to Su Marsh-Barnett, who was supposed to be leaving us at the end of last year, but of course that was cut short in March due to the national lockdown. Su has started a Social Work degree at university as a full-time student and Amy has been offered a job as a Deputy Manager at another nursery. We are sorry to say goodbye to them both, but we are happy for them as they move on to exciting new things. We are very happy to be welcoming Jodie Perry to the team. Jodie is looking forward to meeting all the children from Monday 2nd November.

Children's belongings

Thank you all for your help by only sending in the things that the children need. However please please 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 such as Spiderman and Frozen which means some children have identical items. It is especially important that these items are labelled, in case of allergies, so we will make sure we write children's names on items that are unnamed.

We have accumulated a few items on our lost property table; as you are unable to come in we thought we would take some photos every now and then and send them to you, so below is the latest collection. Please let us know if any of these items belong to your child and we will make sure that you get them back.



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 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

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.

Christmas Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the Christmas Holiday Club. The booking forms is attached with the email to this newsletter. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 13th November**.

Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands Bourn

Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October

26th - 30th October half term Holiday Club

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December

21st 22nd 23rd December Christmas Holiday Club

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

15th – 19th February Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th March

29th 30th 31st March 1st April and 6th 7th 8th 9th April Easter Holiday Club

(Easter Bank Holidays - 2nd and 5th April – Holiday Club closed)

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May – (3rd May Bank Holiday – nursery closed)

Tuesday 1st June - 4th June half term Holiday Club

(31st May – Bank Holiday – Holiday Club closed)

Monday 7th June - Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July to Friday 3rd September Summer Holiday Club

Closure week in August to be confirmed

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