

Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow



Welcome back to the new academic year and we hope that you have had a fun filled and happy summer break. It seems to have gone extremely fast this year. Welcome too to all our new children and their families as they start their journey with us.

Staffing

We welcome Ronnie Coggins to the team. Ronnie has a level 3 childcare qualification and has worked in Early years. Sienna who has already been with will now start on a permanent basis. Linda has now retired; however, we will still see her as should we need her, and she is available she will provide cover. We are still recruiting so we will keep you updated with progress.

Staff and Key workers

As children and staff change sessions for a new academic year then we review our key worker list. Parents/carers will be informed of who their child/children key worker will be via tapestry. We will also organise a parent evening in the next few weeks (via zoom) so that you have chance to talk to your child's keyworker. Please remember you can make an appointment to see your child's keyworker should you need to at any time.

Theme

Our theme for the start of this half term will be 'All About Me'. Types of activities and discussions will include, likes, dislikes, features, emotions, how we are different from others and will include stories such as The Colour Monster (emotions) and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant (being different). We will then see where the children's interests take us as to what we will focus on next. In our staying safe theme we will be discussing who we can go to for help – within the nursery setting and at home.

Your child may bring items in for the topic to show us. Can we ask that any other toys brought in, other than comforters are shown to staff and friends and then taken home with you or put in your child's bag if small enough. Other children always want to play with them, and we cannot guarantee their safety or loss.

Invoices:

The invoice period has now passed. Any late payments will now be charged a £20.00 late fee penalty (unless an arrangement/discussion has taken place).

Please can we remind you that when using the Childcare Tax Free credits release of the payment needs to be made a minimum of 3 working days before payment is due to allow the funds to come to the nursery account. If you are using this payment we will need the code given to you the first time you use this method of payment. My business manager uses the reference to accredit to the fees.



**30 hours funding:**

Please can I remind parents/carers that have qualified for the funding that you need to do an eligibility check every 3 months with HMRC. HMRC should remind you. If you are due for 30hrs funding in January 2020 please could you start the process in October. I will need the codes asap for funding claims.

Contact Details

If any of the details about your child has changed, particularly telephone contact numbers and address since you filled in our admission form please let Mandy know.

Water bottles

We have as most of you are aware asked that the children leave their water bottles at nursery for us to clean and fill. This was during the covid period. We are now going to be sending your child's water bottle homes every day. Please can you assure that you send your child with their own water bottle daily and named (of course if forgotten we will ensure you child has access to water when needed).

Lunch Boxes

Please remember to clearly label lunch boxes on the outside and drink bottles with your child's name. It is very hard for cover members of staff to know which things belong to which child and our own members of staff change over during lunch times.

Parent/Carer Feedback

We are always keen to have comments and suggestions from you that may improve the quality of care and education we provide for your children. If you wish to remain anonymous then please put your comment or suggestion in an envelope and put in our post box at the entrance gate.

Notes from Parent/Carer in Bag

We do not normally look in children's bags. If you send information or replies in then please hand them to a member of staff or, if another adult is bringing your child in then ask them to give any notes, etc to staff.

Children away from nursery

Please could we remind you that if your child is absent from nursery for any reason that you please inform us that same day. If you do not contact us, we will call to find out the reason for absence.

October half term holiday club

I will be attaching the booking form for October holiday club please could I have the forms returned by Wednesday 14th September. If you require a paper copy please ask.

Mandy, Caroline, Lee, Amy, Stephanie, Lauren, Bella, Sienna, Ronnie, Kate

