

# Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow Newsletter January 2016

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back for our Spring term. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you from the staff for the Christmas gifts you gave us.

We would like to say hello and welcome to the children and their families as they join us all at Little Hands this term.

## Staffing

It is with great sadness that I am informing you all that Linda will be leaving us after 2 weeks into term for a long term period due to family reasons. Linda has been with us for nearly 10 years and has seen many children develop, grow and leave for school in her time. Linda will be very much missed by the staff team, children and their families. Thank you Linda for all your hard work.

With this in mind Julia Martin will return to us temporarily until the end of the school year so that we can cover Linda's hours and remain within our Little Hands ratio.

## Theme

This half term for the first 2 weeks the theme will be 'Pirates and Princesses'. Children have showed great interest in this the last week of term, so we felt we would take their lead. We will inform you via the white board of following themes we will carry out over the half term. The children are very welcome to bring in any items related to the topic. Our **Staying Safe** theme this half term is about **who to go to for help at home and in the nursery.**

## Invoices

Invoices should be paid by **Friday 15 JANUARY 2016.**

If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment then please speak to Mandy in confidence.

## Payment details for invoices:

Bank: HSCB

Account name: Little Hands Nursery School Limited

Sort code: 40 16 59



Account no: 60037524

Please include your child's full name on the payment

### **Term Dates**

Spring Term dates: *Term starts:* Monday 4 January

*Half Term:* 15 - 19 Feb

*2nd Spring term starts:* Monday 22 February

*Spring Term ends:* Thursday 24 March

Please let Mandy know of any specific days/sessions required in the half term holiday for working parents to help us organise sessions. Booking forms for the half term holiday club will be available soon. Please ask for a form if you wish to use the holiday club.■

### **Children's Admission Details**

Please give Mandy any updates to your child's details, particularly health details and contact number details if they have changed since you completed your child's admission form.

### **Sharing packs**

In nursery we have a variety of packs available for parents and carers to borrow when needed these include: arrival of a new baby, moving house, going to sleep, toilet training, going to school and bereavement. If you wish to borrow these please ask Mandy or Caroline.

### **Guinea Pigs**

Please remember that Squirrel and Peanut are available to come home with families for short 'holidays'. Please speak to Mandy or Caroline if you wish to take them home.

### **Winter Weather**

If we have severe weather then Mandy or Caroline will phone parents between 7-7.30am to see if they are bringing their child to nursery. This will give the staff the opportunity to remain at home rather than struggling in. We will, of course, remain open if at all possible for parents. Please be assured we have had minimal closures over our years of being open.

In the colder weather please send your child in with appropriate coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies **with them all named**, thank you.

### **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.

*Mandy, Caroline, Linda, Joyce, Natalie, Michelle, Shanade, Chloe, Amy, Jill*



*Making and decorating 'Diva's'*

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