

# Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow Newsletter January 2014



## We really enjoyed making 'Snow'

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 start the New Year with the first arrival of under twos to the nursery. We would like to say hello and welcome to the children and their families as they join us all at Little Hands.

## Staffing

We are welcoming back Gillian Crowe (Jill) to the team this term to cover increased children numbers. Jill's position is temporary until we advertise for new staff. Jill has been with us at varying times over the past 3 years.

## Theme

This half term for the first 2 weeks will be 'Winter'. We will then see where the children lead us to determine what theme we will do for the remainder of 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 **being lost** - how we would feel, what we should do and how not to get lost. We will approach this topic through stories.

Week 1/2 - Small Bear Lost and Dogger

Week 3/4 - Elmer and the Lost Teddy and The Cat Who Lost His Purr

Week 5/6 - Alone in the Woods and Little Baa.

## Invoices

Invoices should be paid by **Friday 16 JANUARY 2015**.

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

## Term Dates

Spring Term dates: *Term starts:* Monday 5 January

*Half Term:* 16 - 20 Feb

*2nd Spring term starts:* Monday 23 February

*Spring Term ends:* Friday 27 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.■



## **Christmas Party**

### **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.

### **Parents Evening**

We are holding a Parent Evening on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. It is a good opportunity to look round nursery without rushing. It is also great for other family members to meet the staff and see the range of activities that 'Little Hands' offers. There will be a list of times available when you drop off/pick up if you wish to make a 10 minute appointment to speak to your child's keyworker. If you are unable to attend and would still like to speak to your child's keyworker please speak to Mandy and we can arrange an alternative time.

### **Children's Pictures and Models**

When children have pictures or models to take home we put them on the clothes peg hanging under their coat hook. Please make sure that you check their peg for these when you dropping off/collecting your child.

### **Fundraising**

We have on sale an 'eco' bag that has all children's faces (drawn by themselves) and handprints (children attending before end of November). If you wish to purchase please fill in the order sheet and send back with the money (£5.00 each). We may have to order more if people uptake on the sales. Any commission made will be spent on resources for the children to have at nursery.

### **Winter Weather**

If we have severe weather then Mandy, Caroline or Linda 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, Jill*



*We enjoyed dressing up as characters from 'Frozen'*

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