

## Little Hands Linton Newsletter September 2017

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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 very fast this year.

### **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.

### **Theme**

Our theme for the start of this half term will be Rainbow fish and links to staying safe, how we treat others, discussing rules and boundaries. We will then see where the children's interests take us as to what we will focus on next. We will also discuss 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.

### **Invoices:**

Invoices will be issued later in the term for Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> half term. Invoices will be required to be paid by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** . If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment 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 name on the payment

### **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 not sure when to check please ask Mandy as she has a list of dates. Every persons date is different as dependent on when you first were given codes.

### **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 then please inform Mandy of the changes.**

### **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.

### **Nursery Clothing and Jewellery**

**Please, please, name clothing, shoes and wellingtons.**

**Children will need coat, sun hat and wellingtons**

At nursery as we will go outside in all weathers. If we are still getting warm, sunny weather then we will assume that you have sun creamed your child before arriving at nursery. We will reapply sun cream for any children who stay all day. If you have left wellingtons here then please check that they still fit.

The wearing of necklaces by children at nursery is not a safe practice as it could get caught on equipment and be a strangulation hazard. Please can we ask that all jewellery is kept in a bag or left at home.

### **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.

### **Parent Involvement in Sessions**

You are always welcome to come in and play. Remember Dads as well as Mums are welcome!! Please let Mandy or Caroline know if you want to do this so that we can book it into the diary.

### **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'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 drop your child off.

### **Changes to nursery**

We would like to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to Hayley Carter (Amy's sister) who has given up her spare time to build us a book house in the shape of a tee pee that will enhance our children's play. You will also see that over the holidays we have had a change around of furniture and resources to enable children's learning even further.

### **Parking**

We have been asked that we only park in the car park area along near the bins or on the grass by the tower. Please do not block or park along driveways.

Mandy, Caroline, Julia, Michelle, Linda, Zack, Amy, Jill, Margarita and Viv