

Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow

Autumn (1) 2019 Newsletter



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.

Staffing

We welcome Shaunie O'Neill to the team. Some of you will have met her as she started through the holiday club period. It is with sadness that Jill Crowe will be leaving us at the end of this half term. We would like to thank her for the years she has been with us and the contribution she has made to the development of many children.

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.

Theme

Our theme for the start of this half term will be 'The Jungle'. The children have taken a keen interest in the 'Animal Boogie' song/book. We will look at the animals living in the jungle, the environment – similarities and differences to ours. 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.

Invoices:

Invoices are due by Friday 6th of September. Any late payments will incur a penalty fee of £20.00.

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 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.

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.

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 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 18th September.

Nursery meals

We have decided that we are going to use a firm that cater specifically for nursery meals 'apetito'. They will provide nutritional balanced meals that we have to cook. Our reasons behind this is that a lot of staff time is spent preparing and cooking the evening meal and we would really like the time with the children. We will be doing the ordering of the meals therefore we can ensure allergens and food preferences can be adhered to. Further information and menus will be available when we receive. Lee has been to a training and tasting session from apetito and is happy with what he heard and tasted.

Mandy, Caroline, Linda, Amy, Jill, Lee, Shaunie



October 2019 Holiday Club Booking form

Dear Parents/Carers, please could you indicate the hours you require (bookings made on the hour please) on the corresponding days e.g. 8am – 6pm, 9am – 3pm etc. A hot meal is served at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Mon 21 st October	
Tues 22 nd October	
Wed 23 rd October	
Thurs 24 th October	
Fri 25 ^h October	

Child(ren) Name (s):.....

Please could forms be returned by Wednesday 18th September so that staffing can be organised.

If you require a paper copy please ask. If returning by email please email to lh-bartlow@btconnect.com