

**Little Hands Linton and Bartlow
News letter April 2015**

Welcome back after Easter. We hope you had a good holiday break. As you are aware our numbers of children are increasing at Little Hands, therefore, so is our staff team. Some of you will have seen Karen Burton who started with us in the term just passed and Julia Martin who will start this term. Both staff members have had years of experience working with children in child care settings and Julia holds a level 3 childcare qualification.

We would like to say a warm welcome to Karen and Julia and also to the new children and their families that are starting with us this term.

Theme:

The first 2 weeks of this term is 'Dinosaurs', we will be learning names, looking at fossils and discussing facts. After this we will see where the children lead us as to what we look at the next 2 weeks. The final weeks of this first Summer term we will be looking at recycling and using it to play and create with-so please start saving cereal packets, rolls etc.

Staying Safe:

We will be discussing PANTS. It is line with the NSPCC ideas on the 'underwear rule'. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. We will cover this by reading stories and incorporating craft activities. If you have any questions/concerns you are more than welcome to talk to Mandy. Information is available for parents at www.nspcc.org.uk.

Term dates:

Summer 1 begins: Monday 13th April

Summer 1 ends: Friday 22nd May

Closed: Monday 4th May

Half term: Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May

Summer 2 begins: Monday 1st June

Summer 2 ends: Monday 20th July

Invoices

Invoices should be paid by FRIDAY 24th April 2015.

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

Little Hands' preferred method of payment is by direct online payment into the nursery account (details below). When making the payment please remember to send a notification to:

janemarshall@littlehands.co.uk quoting 'Linton', your child's name, and the amount paid.

HSBC Bank Sort Code: 401659 Account No. 60037524

Sun cream

We are getting to the time of year when we may still need our wellington boots but also a sun hat and sun cream. Please make sure that your child comes with a **named** sun hat, preferably one that they can leave at nursery. **Please apply sun cream to your child's skin in the morning/afternoon before they arrive at nursery, we will assume this has been done. If your child stays all day then you need to complete a nursery permission form for staff to apply sun cream and also provide a named bottle of sun cream for your child so that we can reapply in the afternoons.**

Vouchers

Please continue to send in any Sainsbury vouchers. Thank you for your support. The children thoroughly enjoy the new equipment that we get through this scheme.

Development Records/All About Me Booklet

Please look at the record, add your comments on the front sheet and sign it. If your child also attends another setting then please share with them. Please could we have records returned by Monday 27th April.

Make Up Sessions

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions may not be as easy as the previous term, we will try to accommodate where we can. If other children are away on holiday then we will try to fit make up sessions in these spaces. Please write holiday dates down for Mandy as it is impossible to remember them verbally.

PE Sessions

These are aimed for the children starting school in September. Whilst we will look at exercise and how it is healthy, the importance of these sessions is to allow children to become independent in changing and taking ownership of their belongings to make part of transition to school easier. Weeks 1, 3, and 5 of this half term PE will take place on a Thursday morning, weeks 2, 4, and 6 will be on a Tuesday morning. We ask that the pre school children have a t-shirt and a pair of shorts in a separate bag to their nursery bag with these items in.

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