

# Little Hands Linton Newsletter April 2018

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**building**



**playing bat and ball**

*Hello everyone, we hope you all had a good break.*

## Staffing

Margarita has left nursery at the end of the Spring term to go to a nursery much closer to home. We are very fortunate to have Rob Knight to join us here at Linton. Rob has been working at our nursery in Bourn so is very aware of the Little Hands ethos and practice. The move for Rob also allows much less time for his commute to work.

## Topic

For the first week our theme will be Spring. We will look for signs of Spring and discuss what happens in the season of Spring. When you are out and about with your child it would be good if you could encourage the discussion of what signs you can see of Spring.

Weeks 2,3,4 We will read the story of Handa's Surprise and carry out activities relating to the stories such as, counting fruit, talking about the animals, discussions about Africa looking at similarities and differences to where we live. In the story the animals take fruit from Handa's basket, we will be talking about whether it is right to take things from other people. We will also sing songs that will encourage children to make a rain dance (not that we want more), masks and rain shakers will be also be made. If possible please could you bring in card board tubes, they need to be kitchen roll size so that the children can decorate and make rain shakers.

Weeks 5,6 We will sing a song about Australia and look at animals and people from the country. Children will be encouraged to use a didgeridoo, decorate a boomerang, look at and make some aboriginal pictures using dots.

If any of you feel you could come and talk about any of these themes please let Mandy or Caroline know.

Our Staying Safe theme this term is safe/un safe places to play.

## Important Dates

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Summer Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May-Closed</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Summer term begins</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Summer term ends</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Leavers Party</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 3pm-5pm</b>

## Invoices

Invoices should have been paid by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Any outstanding fees will be charged a late penalty fee of £20.00.

## Payment details for invoices:

Bank: HSCB

Account name: Little Hands Nursery School Limited

Sort code: 401659

Account no: 60037524

Please include your child's name on the payment



**filling containers**

## September 2018 Bookings

Please could I have any outstanding forms returned so that we can start planning for September.

### Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying the new system. If you have any queries please talk to us. Please remember that it would be good for us to receive some feedback from yourselves. This can either be a comment to an observation carried out by us, or anything you have seen or done at home or when you are out.

### 30-hour funding codes

Please can I remind parents/carers that have qualified for the 30 hours funding that you need to do an eligibility check every 3 months with HMRC from when you were first given the code. HMRC should send you a reminder by email.



numbers

### Children's Admission Details

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

### 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. This a requirement we must undertake.

### Make Up Sessions

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions will not be easy this term, we will try to accommodate where we can.

### 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 please provide a named bottle of sun cream for your child so that we can reapply in the afternoons.

### Garden

We would like to make you aware (remind you) that the likely hood of children coming home clean is unlikely. Whilst we had new bark laid last summer we are a very rural garden. This will entail dust emerging and sticking to sun cream. We will obviously clean children as much as possible.

### Lunch Boxes/Clothing

**Please**, label lunch boxes on their **outside, inside small boxes** and **drink bottles** to make it easier for staff to identify them. If you are putting a new food in the lunch box for your child to try then please let staff know. We always assume that whatever is in their lunch box they will eat and consequently encourage them to do so. Children have a strong perception of fairness. We do not like to excuse some children from eating some foods while asking others to do so. Just like lunch boxes please could children have items of clothing named. This helps staff a lot when trying to place garments on the correct pegs.



mark making



painting



manipulating



being a vet

Mandy, Caroline, Julia, Jill, Amy, Linda, Zack, Rob