



Little Hands Bourn Newsletter April/May 2023

Hi everyone! Welcome back to nursery - we hope that you all had a lovely Easter break.

Staff News

We would like to start off by saying a big congratulations to Jodie for passing her Level 3 course with distinction! As some of you may know Jodie will no longer be key working as she is significantly reducing her hours to be more available to her family. We are pleased that she is not leaving us completely though - she will continue to do some admin hours for us from home, and she will also be covering occasionally when possible. Congratulations also go to Shanice who has recently taken on the role of Holiday Club Leader - she has already started doing some amazing and fun things during holiday club and think the children who have just attended the Easter Holiday Club can vouch for that!

Group Photo - Tuesday 2nd May

We have booked Andrew Martin, to come in to take a group photo. This is a panoramic photo made up of small groups taken over the course of the day. It is a lovely keepsake, especially for the children who are leaving us for school. Andrew will be here from 10am until 1.30pm so if your child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to bring them in, but please let us know what time you can come so that we can arrange the groups.

Food Bank Drop Off - Monday 24th April

We will be walking to the church to drop off some food for the food bank; the April list from the organisers is: long life milk, rice, tinned/instant potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fish, children's sweets. If you would like to donate some food, please bring it along before Monday 24th April. If your child doesn't attend on Mondays, please be assured that we will continue to walk to the church regularly with food bank donations, and we rotate the days/times of these visits so that all children get to join in. The church is usually open and donations can be left at any time if you wish to drop donations off - you can also drop them off here and we can take them when we next visit.

Weather appropriate clothing and sun cream

We are heading to the time of year where we can experience all four seasons in one week, so please make sure that your children have weather appropriate clothing and (when the weather gets warmer) sun protection (sun cream and sun hats). **Please make sure all your children's belongings are clearly labelled with their name** - we often have so many duplicates of hats, coats, shoes, and wellies that it is difficult to identify whose is whose.

Children's belongings and lost property

Please continue to only send in the things that the children need and to label EVERYTHING!

We will leave the lost property table outside when weather permits so please look out for it and take any of your children's belongings.

Activities

All our activities are 'in the moment' or based on your children's interests. If there is anything that you would like us to focus on that your child is interested in, a festival that your family celebrates or something that you are working towards with your child such as road safety, healthy eating, being kind etc... please let us know so that we can support you with this.

Last half term was a busy one with lots of fun activities. Despite some

staff illness, we still managed to upload onto Tapestry, but here are a few snapshots from the last half term:

Don't forget that you too can upload onto Tapestry, so that your child can share some of the wonderful experiences from their home life with their friends at nursery.

We are also on our Instagram; our account is littlehandsnurseryschools, so please follow us requesting to follow - all four of the Little Hands Nursery Schools contribute to the account so you get to see what we are all up to!

Key worker chats

At Little Hands we value our partnership with parents, so please let us know if you would like to arrange to speak to your child's key worker, or any member of the team. You can ask at the door when dropping off or collecting your child, or you can call or email us. If it cannot be arranged straightaway due to staffing, we will make sure that we make time as soon as we can.

May/June half term Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the May/June Half Term Holiday Club. The booking form is attached with the email to this newsletter and paper copies are available on request. Please return your booking forms by **Friday 28th April** if you would like to book a place.



Best wishes from everyone at Little Hands
Bourn



The Little Hands Team

...so you can put a face to the names!

Senior Staff:



Pam
Shanice
Manager
Holiday Club Leader

Edel
Deputy Manager

Marta
Deputy Manager

Practitioners:

Fiona
Paula
Key Worker
Play Worker (Cover)

Jilly
Key Worker

Jodie
Play Worker (Cover)



Designated Officers:	
Child Protection Prevent Online Safety	Pam, Marta and Edel
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SENDCO)	Pam and Edel
Equalities	Pam and Shanice
Health & Safety	Pam
Food & Hygiene	All staff have completed Food Hygiene Training

Remaining Term dates 2022 – 2023

Funded weeks	Term weeks
Summer Term 2023 13 weeks	12 weeks 3 days
Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May (1st May bank holiday & 8 th May Coronation bank holiday - CLOSED) <i>29th May - 2nd June Half Term Holiday Club</i> <i>4 days</i> (29th May Bank Holiday - CLOSED)	5 weeks 3 days
Monday 5th June - Monday July 24th	7 weeks + 1 day
<i>Summer Holiday Club Tuesday July 25th to Friday September 1st 2023</i> <i>maybe staff day Friday September 1st To Be Confirmed</i>	
<i>Autumn Term 2023 Monday September 4th 2023 – To Be Confirmed</i>	