

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014.

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope that weather will be kind to us this half term and that the children will have lots of fun taking part in all our activities.

Themes.

The theme for the first two weeks will be Summer including Staying Safe in the Sun.

The themes for the other weeks will include the football world cup and the rest of the weeks will be based on the children's interests which will be decided during the half term. We will notify you of the themes on the parents notice board in the entrance hall.

Week 1 Summer including Staying Safe in the Sun

Learning Intention: Personal, Social and Emotional

Week 2 Summer including Staying Safe in the Sun (including Father's Day (15th June) and Father's Week.

Learning Intention: Communication and Language

Week 3 Football World Cup

Learning Intention: Physical

Week 4 Football World Cup

Learning Intention: Understanding the World

Week 5 Children's interest

Learning Intention: Expressive Arts and Design

Week 6 Children's interest

Learning Intention: All areas

Week 7 Children's interest

Learning Intention: All Areas

Please remember that we like to provide a wide range of "messy" activities for the children so please dress your child in suitable clothing.

The children play outside every day and for safety reasons we would ask you to make sure that they have suitable footwear for the garden.

TERM DATES:

Summer term: Second half of the Summer term begins on Monday 2nd June to Friday 18th July.
We will then open for the Summer Holiday Club.

Autumn Term: **The Autumn term will start on Monday 8th September 2014.**
Term begins on Monday 8th September to Friday 24th October.
Half term holiday club is for one week beginning 27th October.
Second half of the Autumn term begins on Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December.
Christmas parties will be held in the last week of term.
We will then open for the Christmas holiday club.

Spring Term: Term begins on Monday 5th January 2014 to Friday 13th February.
Half term holiday club is for one week beginning 16th February.
Second half of the Spring term begins on Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March.
We will then open for the Easter holiday club.

Summer Term: Term begins on Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May.
Nursery will be closed on May Day 4th May.
Half term holiday club is for one week beginning 25th May.

Second half of the Summer term begins Monday 1st June to Monday 20th July.

We will then open for the Summer holiday club.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Little Hands preferred payment methods are direct bank payments or Childcare vouchers. Payments should be made within 2 weeks of the invoice date or a late pay fee of £20 will be added. Alternative payment arrangements (cheque or cash) or timings may be possible please speak to the nursery manager in advance

Direct Bank Payments

Fees can be paid directly into the nursery bank account either at a bank/post office or via Internet banking. The nursery bank details are:

Bank: HSBC
Sort Code: 401608
Account Number: 31615947

The payment should be referenced with your child's name and written notification emailed to janemarshall@littlehands.co.uk stating your child's name, payment amount and date payment has been made; this is essential to prevent payments being mistakenly attributed to the wrong family. If email is not an option the written notification can be given as a note/letter to the nursery manager.

Childcare Vouchers

Working parents can choose to pay using Childcare Vouchers if their employer is part of a voucher scheme. Voucher payments are popular as they are exempt of tax & national insurance deductions. The voucher company should be instructed to notify the nursery by e-mail when the payment is due so that individual payments can be correctly tracked.

Cheque payments

Cheques should be made payable to Little Hands Nursery.

Cheques are banked in the week following the payment period (two weeks after the invoice date.) Please note that cheque payments made outside the payment period may be not be banked until the following half term. Nursery will pass all bank charges incurred from un-cleared cheques to the parents.

E-mail address

Our e-mail address is lh-newton@btconnect.com if you would like to contact us in this way.

Children who are leaving in July 2014 to go to school.

Please could you let us know which school your child will be attending in September 2014? We send a summary of each child's learning to the reception teacher to help to make the transition to "big" school easier for your child.

Parents evening

We will be holding a parents evening on Thursday 19th June 2013 from 7- 8.30 pm. If you have not already booked an appointment and you require one with either the session leader or your child's key worker please return the form at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible or speak to Sheila or Lisa.

Weather

It is advisable to apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them to nursery. Cancer Research UK recommend factor 15 or higher. If your child attends for four hours or less it will not be necessary for the sunscreen to be reapplied at nursery. If your child attends a full day please send a named bottle of sunscreen to nursery with them and we will help your child reapply the cream before afternoon play. We are not able to apply a "general use" sunscreen to children who have not brought a named bottle with them in case a skin reaction occurs.

Please label cream, hats and clothing with your child's name.

Photographs

If you would like to order a group photograph of the children please let Sheila know the letter and size of the photo with your payment as soon as possible. If your child had an individual photo taken please return the payment or unwanted photo as soon as possible. All individual photographs and any orders placed for the group photographs must be returned by Friday 6th June.

Lunch boxes and shoes

Please ensure that your child's lunch box and drinks container are named to avoid any confusion with similar containers. This also applies to their shoes as several children have the same design and size.

Summer Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our summer holiday club which will run for whole of the six/seven week's holidays, Monday-Friday 8.30-4.30pm. As usual, all siblings over 2 years and under 8 years of age are welcome to join us during the holiday club.

During holiday club we plan sessions using the Early Years Foundation Stage as guidance. We have flexible planning so that we can plan and work with the children's current interests. If you have any ideas which we could use then please let us know.

The fees must be paid by Friday 11th July otherwise a late pay penalty of £20.00 will be added. The fees are £6.00 per hour. It will be at the manager's discretion to decide whether the sessions booked are viable. If you have any problems or if you require any information about holiday club please see Sheila or Lisa. A booking form is at the bottom of this newsletter to be completed and returned as soon as possible as we cannot guarantee places will be available.

Leaver's party.

We will be holding our leaver's party on Friday 18th July from 2-4 pm for all pre-school children who are leaving us to go to infant school in September. There will be a children's entertainer, lots of party games, food and fun. For all pre-school children who attend on Friday afternoons there will be no cost involved, but for those who do not attend on Friday there will be a charge of £12.00.

Nursery will be closed on Friday 18th July at 1pm, except for those attending the party. Therefore those children who normally attend the afternoon session will be able to make up their session on an alternative day or be offered a refund. Please see Sheila or Lisa as soon as possible to swap your session.

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Pre-school leaver's party.

Child's Name-----

I do / do not wish my child to attend the Pre-school leaver's party on Friday 18th July 2014 from 2-4 pm.

Enclosed is a cheque/cash/ already attends on Friday pm, for £12.00 for the leavers party.

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School Leavers Destination - September 2014

Child's Name-----

My child will be attendingschool in September 2014.

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Parents evening

CHILD'S NAME.....

I would like to make an appointment with my child's key worker/session leader..... between 7.00 and 8.30pm on the evening of Thursday 19th June at (preferred time).....pm.

I will be attending but do not need an appointment.

I will not be attending.

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