

Little Hands - Melbourne

November 2014 Newsletter – Second Half Autumn Term

Welcome back to another fun packed term. I hope you had a nice break.

Refrubishment/redecoration of new room.

Over the summer period it was planned to open a larger room, next door to the butterfly room, unfortunately there were delays in the work taking place but the work has now started and we look forward to creating more space for the children. Initially it was planned to move the youngest of children over to the new room, however, after much thought and consideration we feel the room may be used in a better way. The bumble bee children will remain where they are but with the expansion into the old lady bird room allowing the toddlers and rising 2 year olds to have more space. The rising 3 year olds will move in the room next to the butterfly room to allow them to have access to inside outside play and also benefit from having the rising 4 year olds next door. The continuity of the staff for the children will remain a priority and also with all transitions we ensure the children are aware and introduced slowly to the changes. We value all our parent's comments and suggestions and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Anne or Hannah.

Staffing

As Little Hands is growing in numbers we welcome back Lynn Purcell to our team, who has now started her studies, but has missed the children and staff that she has decided to return to work with us. We also welcome Melissa Taylor who will be joining us with great enthusiasm, experience and knowledge of early years. We look forward to another busy term.

Funding for 3 year old in January / increasing of hours in January

From January some of the rising 3 year olds will be eligible for 15 hours free funding, please can I ask that if your child currently does not use that amount of hours but you would like to increase and are eligible that you put it in writing as soon as possible so that we can accommodate your requests. This goes out to any children that also do wish to increase their sessions in January but are not funded.

Parents Evening Wednesday 12 November 2014

The first half term your key worker will have been getting to know your child and starting to evaluate their needs with regard to their individual learning. With this in mind we will be holding a Parents evening on 12th November for you to have a chance to talk and discuss your child's achievements any concerns you might have with their key worker. The evening will start at 6.30 and finishing at 8.30. On the main door you will find a list of time slots allocated to your key worker, please fill in your name on the time you wish to attend. If you are unable to attend please speak to me and I will try and arrange a mutually convenient time for you to come in and speak with your key worker.

Photographer – Photo requests

If you had your child photographed last term and you wish to order some of the photographs please can I have the request back for sending off no later than Friday November 14th, this enables the photos to be returned in plenty of time for Christmas.

Sharing activity sheets.

In the foyer you will find activity sheets available for you to take away. They show all the themes for each of the rooms that the children will be visiting this half term. Some of the themes are the children's choice and we do remain flexible to change them as required. They will highlight songs that the children will be learning, and also give suggestions that you may wish to try at home to further their development and knowledge. Please do feel free to take one.

Christmas Party Friday 19th December 2014

As the term draws to a close on the 19th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Party. The party will be held in the morning 9.30 until 11.30. We will be having a special visitor in a red suit, which has a gift for every child. There are lots of party games and yummy snacks. We are hoping to have a special guest appearance from two sisters whom are extremely popular with the children. The cost of the party will be £12.00. However, if your child attends on Friday morning there is no charge, please still fill in the form if you wish your child to take part. There will be a limited number of places on offer and these will be on a first come first served basis. The party is a great way to end the term and the children have lots of fun. The Party will have its traditional Christmas songs at the end for the parents to come and watch and join in.

Songs at the end of the Party

With the safety of the children in mind we do ask that only one/two parent/carer attends. Health and Safety regulations do limit us to the number of persons on the premises. A Booking form is your child to attend the party. Thank you.

Contact

Please remember that you can contact me by email lh-melbourn@btconnect.com or phone 01763-260964. My working days are usually Monday to Thursday 8.30 – 4.30 on occasions this may change if the need arises. In my absence please speak to Hannah.

Looking forward to another busy term.

Best wishes Anne

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I wish my child..... to attend the Christmas Party and they are in session already.

I wish my child to attend the Christmas Party and have enclosed the £12.00.
