

Spring Newsletter 2021

Spring is on its way!

Despite a slightly soggy half term! I can see signs of Spring outside everywhere I look. This is especially exciting at Nursery as it means going outside becomes a bit easier! Less days when we need to help 20 children in waterproofs and wellies and more days just being inside and out all day long!

Book of the week

The butterflies are continuing to enjoy our book of the week and I hope they are coming back and talking to you all about it. They are so interested in the theme of the story and carrying this through into their play! Please just ask us or look on the door to see what book we are reading.

Ladybirds and Bumbles bees

The little ones have been enjoying a mini room makeover and we have introduced a new home corner which the children are moving and it is proving to be a very popular area in the room! Both the rooms have a curiosity shelf on the wall with many items that will spark their imagination, the items aren't on offer all day but when asked for can come down and be played with.

Covid

Our priority is still to keep Nursery as Covid free as possible, and I will be reattaching the guidelines from us again just to refresh your memories, but we will still be keeping the same safety measures in place as last year. So please remember to mask up at drop off and pick-up time, please give each other space and just 1 family in the outside foyer at a time. Please do not bring your child in if you or anybody in your family has symptoms as stated in the national guidelines and get tested if you are showing symptoms.

The staff are all wearing masks now throughout the day and the children haven't batted an eye lid with the change!

We are so proud of all your children who have been amazing throughout all of this!

We will continue to do what we are doing in nursery lots of handwashing every day, staff are maintaining a social distance from each other and washing their hands regularly. We are keeping a close eye on our cleaning of each area and all the toys so we can keep the inside of Nursery as safe as we possibly can.

Illness

Our policy for the dreaded sickness and diarrhoea bug is 48 hours away from Nursery. Please don't bring your child into nursery until they have had 48 hours since their last bout. I really appreciate your support in this as I know how difficult this can be especially as normally after 24 hours they are bouncing around looking fine!!

For all other illnesses we follow the latest guidelines from NHS Direct which does change from time to time so if you are worried about whether to bring your child in then please do check the website. If you have had to give your child any medication to help them get through the day ie Calpol then we would ask you to not bring them in that day.

E-mail address

Our e-mail address is lh-melbourn@btconnect.com and lhmelbourn1@gmail if you would like to contact us in this way. Please note that the emails are not always checked if we are busy so if your query is urgent then please phone us instead.

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: 401659
Account Number: 60037524

The payment should be referenced with your child's name and written notification emailed to Jane Marshall little.hands@icloud.com 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.

Collection of children

Please note that our pick up times are 12, 1.00, 3.00, 4.00 5.00 and 5.30 if you come at any other time then please be patient if we don't open the door straight away, we are often in numbers with the children and can't leave to open the door until we have made sure the children are safe, if you can stick to our pick up times (or as close as possible) it would be greatly appreciated.