



## Winter Term Newsletter.....

Welcome back to Nursery hope you have all had a lovely half term and had some PUMPKIN fun!! Our Holiday club has been pumpkin inspired with many different activities going on throughout the week. Please look at our photograph albums on the foyer desk to see what the children have been up to!!

### Themes

We are looking, thinking, feeling, touching all about colours, fireworks, winter, leaves, Christmas this term, please look out in the foyer for the new Sharing sheets. These are great for seeing what we will be doing with the children this term and some activities you could try at home.

### EXCITING NEWS:



The Butterfly room is having a makeover during the Christmas Holidays and we are so excited to see it all when it's finished, it's a big change and we are excited to see how the children enjoy having a new space to play in. The children have been happily choosing paint colours and my favourite so far is **Rainbow** paint!!

We have said Goodbye and to Sally and Tracy as they venture off into new opportunities and although we are sad to see them go we know we will still see them and we wish them both the very best with their new roles.

Melina has given birth to her beautiful daughter Zoe and we can't wait to meet her. Mel and Zoe are both doing well and enjoying some well-earned Mummy and daughter time at home. We are still waiting for Baby Deeks to arrive (as is Amy!!) and we will let you



know when she does.....

We are delighted to welcome to some new staff to join the little hands family, Victoria who comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Victoria will be joining the Ladybird and Bumble bee rooms and we know she will have lots of ideas and fun planned for the children.

Dana who will be starting with us in the Butterfly room, she will be volunteering with us for a while but hopefully then joining us a permanent member of the team.

#### E-mail address

Our e-mail address is lh-melbourn@btconnect.com 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](mailto: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.

#### Weather

Please make sure that you bring in a change of clothes, coat and wellies as now the weather is turning more wintery the children are getting very muddy in our garden! We head outside in all weathers and so it's important the children have the right clothes to

keep them warm and dry whilst playing. If you could name their stuff it makes it easier to find if they get misplaced.

#### Collection of children

Please note that our pick up times are 12, 1.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 4.30 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.

Our opening hours are 8.30 am until 4.30 pm, please make sure you are here to pick up your child by 4.30 or let us know as soon as you can if you are going to be late so we can prepare your child that you will be a few minutes late picking up.

#### 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, we have had a real run of it last term with children and staff and we would like to try to keep it at bay as much as we can. 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.

And finally.....Christmas Craft days.

We are planning to host a few mornings or afternoons of Christmas arts and craft activities for you to come to and spend some time with your child at nursery, this could be Mummies, Daddies, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles ect...so please this check the front foyer as posters will be going up!!