

Summer 1st Term

Newsletter.

Welcome back to Nursery hope you have all had a lovely Easter Break and enjoyed everything the Easter Bunny bought!

We had some lovely visitors last term who bought all sorts of wonderful things for us to see and touch, animals so that we could learn how to look after them. We had two lovely gym ladies who talked to us about keeping healthy and taught us so really fun routines. Emily is running a daily wake up shake up session which is lovely and all the children really enjoy!!

The children and us loved having so many different visitors in and would love to continue this, if you would like to come in and share something with the children then please do mention it to myself or Amelia.

Themes

We have been asking the children in the nursery what things they like doing and they have come up with some lovely ideas about our themes this term, please pick up a sharing sheet from the foyer to see what each room is doing.

The children will be talking about what their Mummies and Daddies do over the next couple of weeks, if anyone would like to come in and talk about what they do during the day at work we'd love to have you.

We have been thinking about the weather changing, blossom on our tree in the garden and all things spring so we will extend that to different activities the children can do.

Butterfly Room

Over Easter we moved some things around in the Butterfly room so the children now have a de constructed role play area, we have boxes, material, loose parts (bottle tops, caps, tubes, containers) masking tape, sellotape and all sorts of exciting things that the children can let their imagination go wild with and start to build and plan what they want in that area. It is already proving popular and has changed several times throughout the day, which is fabulous and what we want. Over time we will add different resources there to keep the imagination flowing.

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.**

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 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 as it still gets very muddy in the garden. As the weather improves we would ask you to bring your child in with suncream applied if the sun is out, a hat for the garden

and named suncream. We use the garden a lot but the children will not be able to go out if they don't have hats and suncream. 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.