

Summer Newsletter 2022



Welcome to the Summer term 1!

I hope everyone had a brilliant Easter Holiday and found loads of Easter eggs left by the Easter Bunny!

When I walked into Nursery today I was met by so many excited little people eager to tell me all about what they had been up to! It was so lovely to hear the things that they remember and often it is the smallest detail that we may not think is that important that they are the keenest to share! I have seen new lunchboxes, new water bottles, new shoes and a brand new jumper!!

It is such a privilege to be able to share this with your children and has already made my week!

Please remember to use Tapestry to keep us updated about what you guys are getting up to as we love to share this with the children and they LOVE showing us pictures from home! If you can use Instagram and Facebook you can use Tapestry but if you are unsure let me know and I can show you how to upload your pictures.

As the weather warms up please remember to Suncream your child in the morning, pop a named Suncream in their bag and bring a sun hat as we ask all the children to wear one when it's warm and we don't have many spares!

Ladybird and Bumble room.

Hannah and her team have been making small changes to the ladybird room which the children are enjoying, they are such a hands on little bunch of

children and they have been busy getting stuck into all sorts of activities from baking to gloopy glue to playdough. We have been looking at our continuous provisions and what we have out everyday as our children are so interested in everything! We always have water and sand out in the rooms and in the garden but we love following what the children are interested in and then providing that environment. Hannah and her team are always adding bits into the ladybird, Bumble bee and dragonfly room to provide the children with a rich learning experience.

Ladybird and Bumble Bee room Staff:

Hannah Room Leader Level 3

Laura Level 3

Dana Level 2

Gaby working towards Level 3

Sianne Playworker

Please look on our front door as we add our staff pictures up there regularly.

Butterfly Room

As you will all be aware Courtney left us over the Easter Holiday to move on to pastures new. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best and know we will see her lots and catch up with her new adventures.

Jade has stepped up to run the room and her team and her have some really great ideas and are keen to get going with them! The children are already very comfortable with Jade and we are looking forward to working together in the Butterfly room over this coming term.

Jade has a particular passion for the outdoors and is planning lots of ways for us to get creative in the garden! Over the easter Holidays we introduced a glue table which will form part of our outdoor continuous provision and will be available all day for the children to use, it was fascinating to watch how some of our less messy children became enthused with the freedom to stick and use the glue in creative ways.

Butterfly Room Staff:
Jade Temporary Room leader Level 3
Kirsty Level 3
Frankie working towards Level 2
Fen Keyworker
Georgia Playworker
Carla Playworker

It is an exciting time in Nursery and although we always miss our staff when they move on it also gives us a great opportunity for change and for other passions to spring out. We are very excited about this new term.

Literacy skills

“According to the United Nations UK (UNUK), literacy is a fundamental human right for all children, youths and adults. Worldwide nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.

In the UK the literacy rate is 99%, which means one in every hundred people struggle to read and write. 95% of all employment in the UK requires employees to be able to read, and the effect of having poor literacy skills has a negative impact on career progression and earnings.”

Books of the Week

Try and eat a Rainbow is the first book back this week for the butterfly children

What will hatch is the first book for the Ladybird children

We will pop a sign on the door each week so that you know what book we are sharing each week!

We also have a lending library at the front of nursery so please feel free to borrow a book and share at home, we have a returns book in the foyer so we can keep the books safely out of circulation once they have been returned. The children are really enjoying sharing stories with you at home so please do use this library.

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.**

If your child has any covid symptoms we would ask you to please get your child to have a PCR test and wait for the results before coming back to nursery.

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.