



Our April 2021 Newsletter



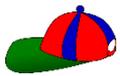
Welcome back everyone after the Easter holidays! We hope you have all had a lovely break and managed to enjoy some of the sunny weather.

It has been a busy Spring term, with the children showing lots of interest in being outdoors.

Staff have been working hard at improving the Nursery garden area, their efforts have been very much rewarded by seeing just how much the children have been enjoying the changes.

There are some photos of the changes included at the end of this newsletter.

Now that the weather is beginning to become warmer, please can everyone ensure that their



child has a sun hat in their bag and if they are staying all day, they also need sun cream. When appropriate, children should be coming in with sun cream already applied, then staff will reapply cream for the afternoon session - if your child has an 'all day sun cream', please make staff aware.

Children have been engaging in discussions about things they would like to grow this term with lots of suggestions for carrots, tomatoes, potatoes and strawberries - we will now begin planting these and we will keep you updated as to our success when we harvest them!

Children have already started to plant sunflower seeds and we will observe their growth, before sending pots home for you all to care for.



Our 'special book of the week' has been successful, with the children showing lots of interest, so we will continue with this during this term. We will communicate this weekly to you, either on Tapestry or Instagram.



Our Instagram account is: [littlehandsnurseryschools](#)

Staff Update

As many of you already know, Hayley is expecting a baby in June. To ensure she remains safe during these COVID times, she has left the Nursery slightly earlier than planned. We will keep you updated when we hear news of the arrival of her baby!

Whilst Hayley is on maternity leave, Tracy and Charlie Upshall are looking forward to taking on the roles of Room Leaders.

In order to maintain our high adult to child ratio's, we have appointed a new temporary member of staff, Hannah Hickey. She will be joining us from 20th April until the end of August.

Emma Gilbert will also be joining us during the latter part of the term and holiday club. Emma is a University student who helps Little Hands during her holidays - this is her third year with us, so she is familiar with our setting and several children know her already - she also used to attend Little Hands as a child!

COVID Update

Staff continue to complete lateral flow tests twice weekly, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Please make sure that you check your emails every Monday and Thursday morning before bringing your child to nursery in case we have emailed to inform you of a positive LFD test result.

As emailed recently, rapid flow tests are now available at home for adults without symptoms in households with children in nursery or school. The link for more details is as follows: -

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Parent Meeting

If anyone would like a meeting with their child's keyworker, please do not hesitate to let us know and we can either organise this as a virtual or telephone meeting.

May Half Term Holiday Club

The May half term holiday club forms were emailed to you all last week. We would like to bring it to your attention that although the deadline for the return of the form is not until Friday 23rd April spaces are filling very quickly.

Best Wishes



Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2021

(3rd May bank holiday - closed)

- *May Holiday Club - 31st May - 4th June 2020*

Monday 7th June - Monday 19th July 2021

- *Summer Holiday Club - Tuesday 20th July to Friday 3rd September 2021*

Autumn Term 2021 - Monday 6th September 2021

