

Little Hands Nursery School

Linton & Bartlow

Spring 2nd half term 2014 Newsletter

Welcome back after the half term holiday, we hope you have had lots of fun and will share with us what you have been doing.

Staff

We would like to welcome Joyce back after her sick leave, it is wonderful to see her back and the children are thrilled. At present Joyce is in on Monday and Wednesday for a few hours in the morning.

Theme(s)

Weeks 1 & 2: Under the sea - Looking at creatures and habitats under the sea and reading stories like 'The Rainbow fish' and 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

Weeks 3 & 4: Following children's interests - We will inform you of the theme on our white board in the window of the front entrance.

Weeks 5 & 6: Spring and New life - We will look at what happens in Spring, the plants beginning to grow, the weather and will link with New life, lambs being born, chicks etc, which leads nicely in to Easter.

Staying Safe: This half term we will be discussing road safety. We will use our car mats, play people houses as well as actually crossing the road outside nursery to address this theme.

Term Dates

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April

Spring 2nd half term

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April

Summer term begins

Easter Holiday Club

Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April and Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

Please let Mandy or Caroline know of any specific days/sessions required in the Easter holiday for working parents to help us organise sessions. Booking forms for the Easter holiday club will be available soon. Please ask for a form if you wish to use the holiday club.

Invoices

Invoices are dated from the first day of each half term; all payments must be paid within two weeks, or a late payment charge for £20 will be added, unless special arrangements have been made with Mandy, so please talk to Mandy if you have any worries. The last day for payments this half term is **Friday 7th March**.

The nursery bank details for those who wish to pay online are:

Bank HSBC
Sort Code 40 16 08
Account Number 31615947

Please remember to send a notification by email to Jane Marshall, the nursery proprietor, at janemarshall@littlehands.co.uk and enter your child's name and 'Linton' as a reference to ensure that your payment is allocated correctly. This is to avoid any confusion with payments meant for other families with the same surname at one of the other Little Hands nurseries.

Summer 1 2014 Theme

Although quite a way ahead we have been discussing carrying out the theme of 'People who help us', therefore we are asking if any parents/carers feel that they have occupations or know people who may like to come and talk to the children (If you feel brave enough!). Please let Mandy or Caroline know so that we can make arrangements.

Please don't forget even if you don't feel you can help with this theme, you are always welcome to come in and play.

Children's Development Records

Your children's 'All about me folders' will be coming home with you this first week back, we hope you enjoy reading these. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss any issues with your child's key worker. Your child's folder is a working document therefore we would appreciate them returned as soon as possible. There are two dates set for returning folders as we appreciate for children attending another setting they need to be shared.

Children only attending Little Hands: Friday 7th March

Children sharing settings: Friday 14th March

Website/Photographs

Our new website is now up and running, as well as details on each of the nurseries in our group and newsletters we have a photo gallery which includes pictures of children's art work as well a children at play. Just to remind you that we will no longer inform you if your child's picture is being used, (New policy has been displayed on back door and front entrance window for 3 months). This also applies to photographs used in the children's 'All About Me' folders, at times, to get the full picture of what is occurring, other children may be in the photograph. Please let Mandy or Caroline know if you **do not** wish your child to be in another child's records or on the website, we will assume we have your permission otherwise.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please save your vouchers again for us this year. There will be a collecting box in the buttercup room.

Nursery Education Funding

Children are eligible for funding for the Summer Term if they are 3 years old by 31st March 2014. Mandy will give the funding form to parents of eligible children to fill in towards the end of this term.

Increasing sessions in the Summer Term

If you wish to increase your child's sessions in the Summer Term please let Mandy know as soon as possible as we may have to make changes to staffing.

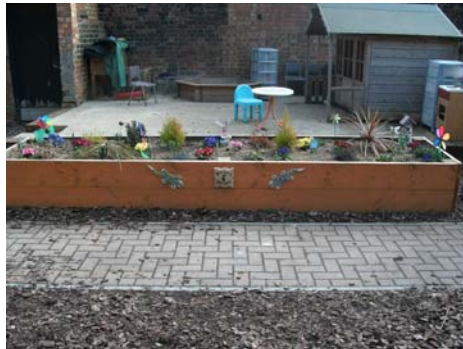
Spare clothes

Please could we remind parents that should your child have had a change of clothes at nursery could you please replenish their bag. We also have a request for our spare clothes box, 2-3yrs boy's trousers and 3-4yrs girl's skirts or trousers, if anyone has any they could give us. Thank you.

Frog Spawn

This is our usual request, if anyone has a pond that will have frog spawn, could we please have some for children to watch developing.

We look forward to the Spring Term ahead,



Mandy, Caroline, Linda, Joyce, Natalie, Michelle and Jo.

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