



**Little Hands Linton
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Hello everyone, we hope you all had a good break.

Topic

Our theme will be Jack and the Beanstalk. We will discuss whether it is right to take other people's possessions, growth of the beanstalk and other plants – we have been busy growing vegetables and plants from seeds, so we hope to have a good crop this year. We will then discuss how we would feel if we met a Giant, moving on to the story of The Colour Monster, which discusses feelings.

Finally with the run up to the Queens Platinum Jubilee we will have activities around the theme and discuss.

Under 2's will participate in growing and their them they will be following is colours.

Our Staying Safe theme this term is safe/unsafe places to play.

Hot meals

We will now move our hot mealtime back to 4.15pm

May half term holiday club

I will be attaching the May half term holiday club booking form. Please can it be returned by Tuesday 26th April. Please note we will be unable to offer a hot meal for the 3 days open as we hope to have our kitchen refitted – if this changes we will let you know.

Drop off and pick ups

With children's numbers and staffing we are getting into positions where the legal ratio of staffing to children are being compromised due to children being dropped off early or picked up late. If you arrive early we ask that you wait until it is time for your child's session. When picking up we do understand that at odd times there maybe some difficulty and we would appreciate a telephone call if you are going to be late. In saying this we do have some repeated lateness of collection and we will start charging late pick up fee as in policy as we have to ask staff to stay and hence pay them for staying.

September 2022 Bookings

I will be sending out confirmation for September bookings soon. I will need any changes by the end of this week.

30-hour funding codes

Please can I remind parents/carers that have qualified for the 30 hours funding that you need to do an eligibility check every 3 months with HMRC from when you were first given the code. HMRC should send you a reminder by email.

Children's Admission Details

Please give Mandy any updates to your child's details, particularly health details, contact number details and address if they have changed since you completed your child's admission form.

Children away from nursery

Please could we remind you that if your child is absent from nursery for any reason that you please inform us that same day. If you do not contact us, we will call to find out the reason for absence.

Sun cream

We are getting to the time of year when we may still need our wellington boots but also a sun hat and sun cream. Please make sure that your child comes with a named sun hat, preferably one that they can leave at nursery. Please apply sun cream to your child's skin in the morning/afternoon before they arrive at nursery, we will assume this has been done. If your child stays all day, please provide a named bottle of sun cream for your child so that we can reapply in the afternoons.

Garden

We would like to make you aware (remind you) that the possibility of children coming home clean is unlikely. Whilst we had new bark laid last summer, we are a very rural garden. This will entail dust emerging and sticking to sun cream. We will obviously clean children as much as possible.

Lunch Boxes/Clothing

Please, label lunch boxes on their **outside, inside small boxes**, and **drink bottles** to make it easier for staff to identify them. If you are putting a new food in the lunch box for your child to try, then please let staff know. We always assume that whatever is in their lunch box they will eat and consequently encourage them to do so. Children have a strong perception of fairness. We do not like to excuse some children from eating some foods while asking others to do so. Just like lunch boxes please could children have items of clothing named. This helps staff a lot when trying to place garments on the correct pegs.

**Mandy, Caroline, Lee, Amy, Linda, Stephanie, Maddison, Rebecca,
Dee**

