

Little People at The Limes

March 2017 Newsletter

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Parents Morning - Saturday 1st April

Parents and carers will be welcome to nursery on this morning from 10-12 to speak to their keyworkers and discuss this terms Summative Assessments. Please speak to your keyworker about what time would be suitable for you to avoid having to wait for too long.

New Rates

Unfortunately, from the beginning of April we are having to up our prices. This is due to rises in minimum wages and falls in the funding we receive from the government for funded places. We managed to avoid increasing them last year but, now have no choice. We apologise greatly for any inconvenience this may cause.

Miles For Mitchie

One of our Pre-school children, Mitchie, was sadly diagnosed with Medulloblastoma cancer in January. He has completed his 6 weeks of radiotherapy and now has a short break from hospital before 4 months of chemotherapy. Staff are visiting Mitchie at home on a regular basis and it's great for us to be able to see him. Throughout the rest of the year Little People staff and Mitchie's parents are completing lots of different challenges and taking part in many events to raise money for Cancer Research UK – in particular the childhood cancer sector, on behalf of Mitchie and his family. Please search "Miles for Mitchie" on Facebook for more information on our fundraising events and details on how to donate. We all know somebody that has battled with cancer and one day, there will be cure.



Parents Information Evenings

How Boys Learn

Monday 24th April @ 6.30pm

Jenna, Daniella and Katie are going to host this evening. They have all completed "All About Boys" training and are excited to share what they have learnt with you. The evening will cover the differences between development in boys and girls, how to encourage our boys to learn new skills and relevant strategies to promote positive behaviour.

Phonics and Skills for School -

Monday 22nd May @ 7.00pm

Is your Little Person starting big school in September? We are going to be holding a Parent's Information Evening on Monday 22nd May from 7.00pm. The evening will cover:

- Phonics at home
- Independence and school readiness
- What reception teachers expect from your children

Staff Roles

Some staff have been given some new roles within nursery:

Jen – Fire Safety Officer

Hannah – E-Safety Officer

Marika – Health and Safety Officer

30 Free Hours & Tax free Childcare

Both of these will come into place in September. Any families where both parents (or the lone parent in a single parent family) are working 16 or more hours a week and earning less than £100,000 a year will be eligible for tax free childcare and all these families where the child is 3 years or older will also receive the 30 free hours. Please pop into the office if you have any more questions about this. We'll be happy to help

Policy of the Month - Use of dummies in nursery

- We recognise that a dummy can be a source of comfort for a child that is settling in and/or upset and can form part of a child's sleep routine.
- We recognise that the overuse of dummies may affect a child's language development as it may restrict the mouth movements needed for speech.

Little People at The Limes will:

- Discuss the use of dummies with parents as part of individual care plans and routines.
- Only use dummies for comfort if a child is really upset or as part of their sleep routine.
- Store dummies hygienically in named individual boxes, to prevent cross contamination.
- Immediately sterilise any dummy that falls on the floor or is touched by another child.

When discouraging the dummy staff will:

- Encourage child to put their own dummy away when arriving at nursery.
- Comfort the child and distract them away from their dummy.
- Offer other methods of comfort i.e toy, teddy or blanket.
- Explain to the child that they can have their dummy at sleep time.
- Offer support and advice to parents on how to discourage using a dummy at home.

Easter Holidays will run from Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April for term-time only children.

Current Themes

Dental Hygiene
Healthy Eating/ Handa's surprise
Spring
Green and Squares
Mothers Day and Females who help us

Dates for your diary

Mon 27th March – Mother's Day Tea Party
Wed 29th March – Toddle Waddle for Mitchie
Sat 10th June – Longridge Field Day + After Party



Thank you for your continued support,

The Little People Team

P.S For more regular updates from nursery please follow our Facebook page "Little People at The Limes"