



Little People at The Limes

September 2017 Newsletter

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Pre-School Leavers

We sent 26 children off to "big" school this year and each and every one of them will be missed! Some of these children we have had at nursery since they were a few months old and others just joined us recently, but we are honoured to be a part of all of their learning journeys. Be sure to come back and see us in your posh new uniforms!

Raincoats and wellies

Please can you supply with a named waterproof coat/all in one and wellies for use in nursery. We like to play out in all weathers as fresh air is so good for us and burns off more energy.

Please can you also make sure your child has at least one spare outfit/underwear in a named bag in nursery at all times too.

Miles For Mitchie

Mitchie has finished his 'in house' treatment but is still having treatment as an 'outpatient' at RPH. A few of us gathered to watch him ring the bell on the ward at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. The fantastic news is that the latest results have all come back clear!! An absolute miracle!!

Mitchie's mum, Tara, completed her one-mile swim in Loch Lomond during the Bank Holiday weekend and then staff, family and friends gathered in Grange Over Sands to welcome the coast to coast riders including Mitchie's dad, Tony, Jen and Abbey plus others back, it was such an emotional finish!



'Employee of the Month'

We are going to reward one member of staff with our 'employee of the Month' where they will receive a voucher to spend at a selection of shops. Their photo will appear here each month with the reason why they won it. Please tell us if you think any of them have gone 'above and beyond' in their role. We'll also be offering incentives for other considerations.

30 Free Hours & Tax free Childcare

The 30-hour funding has caused a major headache for us, and all other childcare settings. Please bear with us whilst we get our heads round invoicing etc.

It's worth mentioning to call up the helpline and receive an update from them if still struggling, one parent did and they checked over the documents and approved it there and then.

Marika's wedding !

Congratulations to our very own Marika who got married on Saturday to farmer Nick, she's now become Mrs Eccles.



Extra charges

In order to try to claw back some of the revenue lost from the government's 'free' hours, parents will now be charged £5 if their child arrives before 8am or after 5.30 pm. Normal charges apply for hours outside this time.

Policy of the Month - Safeguarding Children

The nursery aims to:

- Keep the child at the centre of all we do
- Ensure staff are trained [right from induction](#) to understand the child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures, are alert to identify possible signs of abuse, understand what is meant by child protection and are aware of the different ways in which children can be harmed, including by other children through bullying or discriminatory behaviour
- [Be aware of the increased vulnerability of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) and other vulnerable or isolated families and children](#)
- Ensure staff understand how to [recognise](#) early indicators of potential radicalisation and terrorism threats and act on them appropriately in line with national and local procedures
- Ensure that all staff feel confident and supported to act in the best interest of the child, share information and seek the help that the child may need
- Ensure that all staff are familiar and updated regularly with child protection training and procedures and kept informed of changes to local/national procedures, [including thorough annual safeguarding newsletters and updates](#)
- Make any child protection referrals in a timely way, sharing relevant information as necessary in line with procedures set out by Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board
- Make any referrals relating to extremism to the police (or the Government helpline) in a timely way, sharing relevant information as appropriate
- Ensure that information is shared only with those people who need to know in order to protect the child and act in their best interest
- [Keep the setting safe online using appropriate filters, checks and safeguards, monitoring access at all times](#)
- Ensure that children are never placed at risk while in the charge of nursery staff
- [Identify changes in staff behaviour and act on these as per the Staff Behaviour Policy](#)
- Take any appropriate action relating to allegations of serious harm or abuse against any person working with children or living or working on the nursery premises including reporting such allegations to Ofsted and other relevant authorities
- Ensure parents are fully aware of child protection policies and procedures when they register with the nursery and are kept informed of all updates when they occur
- Regularly review and update this policy with staff and parents where appropriate and make sure it complies with any legal requirements and any guidance or procedures issued by the **Lancashire** Safeguarding Children Board.

We will support children by offering reassurance, comfort and sensitive interactions. We will devise activities according to individual circumstances to enable children to develop confidence and self-esteem within their peer group [and support them to learn how to keep themselves safe](#).

October Half term holidays will run from Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November for term-time only children. Don't forget to book your children in for Holiday Club with Danielle – we may not see William as he has started university in London. We wish him the best of luck and hope to see him at Christmas

Current Themes

All about me

'Martha's giant in town'

Balls

Animals

Thank you for your continued support,
The Little People Team

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