



Little People at The Limes

Summer 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!

Suggestion Box

We have added a red suggestion box to the shelves on the left as you enter nursery. If you have any suggestions of activities, routine changes or even a new meal idea please use this box to get in touch, or just speak to a member of staff if you're pushed for time.

Miles For Mitchie

Mitchie is currently in his final stage of treatment at Manchester Childrens Hospital, he will then have multiple tests to see how he treatment has affected his tumours. He has been an absolute trooper throughout these last 7 months and continues to flash his cheeky smile everyday!

Thank you everyone that has donated or helped in any way, we have now raised an amazing £25,000 for Cancer Research UK and are considering setting up Mitchie's very own charity. 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.



Little People Baby!

We have a "Little People" baby on it's way, due 7th January 2018! We are very excited to announce that Nic and her husband, Chris are having a baby in the new year!

Nic will be leaving the Tadpoles Room just before Christmas and her current plans are to return to us, part-time, after her maternity leave.

Parents Information Evenings

Both evenings that we held were a huge success and we were delighted to hear so many positive comments about our nursery and staff from parents and members of the Longridge community. If you have any ideas of other information evenings you would like us to present just let us know.

30 Free Hours & Tax free Childcare

By now, the majority of eligible families will have their eligibility codes. Please remember to pass your code into the office and be reminded that you have to reapply every 3 months for your funded hours to continue.

Goosnargh and Longridge Show

We had some fantastic winners in the junior tent this year, thank you to all the staff for working so hard getting the childrens entries ready in time.

Lucas, Amya, Alfie and Jacob all won a prize, well done!

Policy of the Month - Separated family

- We recognise that when parents separate it can be a difficult situation for all concerned. We understand that emotions may run high and this policy sets out how we will support the all parties in within the nursery including our staff team.
- If the parents of a child are married to each other at the time of the birth, or if they have jointly adopted a child, then they both have parental responsibility. Parents do not lose parental responsibility if they divorce, and this applies to both the resident and the non-resident parent.
- We request these details on the child registration form. If a parent does not have parental responsibility, or has a court order in place to prevent this, we must have a copy of this documentation for the child's records.
- We will:
 - Ensure the child's welfare is paramount at all times they are in the nursery
 - Comply with any details of a court order where applicable to the child's attendance at the nursery where we have seen a copy/have a copy attached to the child's file
 - Provide information on the child's progress, e.g. learning journeys, progress checks within the nursery, to both parents where both hold parental responsibility
 - Invite both parents to nursery events, including parental consultations and social events where both hold parental responsibility
 - Ensure any incident or accident within the nursery relating to the child is reported to the person collecting the child
 - Ensure that all matters known by the staff pertaining to the family and the parent's separation remain confidential
 - Ensure that no member of staff takes sides regarding the separation and treats both parents equally and with due respect
 - Not restrict access to any parent with parental responsibility unless a formal court order is in place. We respectfully ask that parents do not put us in this position.
- We ask parents to:
 - Provide us with all information relating to parental responsibilities, court orders and injunctions
 - Update information that changes any of the above as soon as practicably possible
 - Work with us to ensure continuity of care and support for your child
 - Not involve nursery staff in any family disputes, unless this directly impacts on the care we provide for the child
 - Talk to the manager/key person away from the child when this relates to family separation in order to avoid the child becoming upset. This can be arranged as a more formal meeting or as an informal chat
 - Not ask the nursery to take sides in any dispute. We will only take the side of your child and this will require us to be neutral at all times.

Summer Holidays will run from Monday 23rd – Friday 1st September for term-time only children.

Current Themes

Starting Primary school
Summer holidays/travel agents
Aeroplanes
Pirates

Dates for your diary

Saturday 29th July - Parents morning
Saturday 2nd September – Marika's Wedding!
Monday 4th September – First day of term

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"