

Friday 19th February



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week at nursery and the children have been busy exploring and learning with their friends and nursery teachers.

Parents Meetings

We will be organising parent meetings on the week of the **8th March**. Although due to the current Government Guidance, these meetings will be adjusted to ensure everyone's safety. You will be able to book in a phone call slot with your child's key person for a ten minutes discussion about your child's progress at nursery between 5:30pm – 6:00pm throughout the week, Pre-school 4 meetings will take place over 2 weeks. Please arrange with your key person or room leader.

Rainy Days

This week the weather has been very wet and rainy. The children have enjoyed puddle walks and still exploring their outdoor play. At Little Learners, we enjoy outdoor play in all weathers and ask parents ensure their child comes to nursery with appropriate outdoor winter wear such as wellies, waterproof/thick coat etc. If you have any questions regarding what your child may need throughout the day, do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Labelling clothing items

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled with their first and last name clearly. Lots of children have the same items as others and without clear labelling it is difficult for staff to ensure all of your belongings go home with you. We ask that you label every item of clothing your child brings to nursery to prevent anything going missing at nursery. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jenny's First Week

We hope all of our Little Learners in Nature parents have had the opportunity to meet Jenny this week. She has had a great week getting acquainted with the space and routine and has loved spending time with all the children. We are all very excited for Jenny's future here at Little Learners.





Holidays & Quarantine

If you are going on holiday or will be away, please be sure to let a member of staff in your child's room know or email Dawn. This is so we can ensure that we log it onto our system and do not disturb your holiday by phoning to query absence.

Please note the government is updating this list regularly, please do check regularly and inform the nursery if this affects you.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Pots and pans

We are still very keen to accept pots and pans donations for our Mud kitchens around the nursery. The children love to explore and be imaginative in our outdoor mud kitchens, providing amazing opportunities for role playing.

If you have old kitchen utensils that are sitting in the back of the cupboard, taking up your storage rather than throwing them away donate them to nursery!

All donations will be thoroughly sterilized before being added to the mud kitchens.

New Arrivals

If you are expecting a new baby and plan for them to attend Little Learners please make sure you sign them up as soon as possible. We are experiencing a huge number of requests for places and our waiting list will have to close quite soon. We always prioritise siblings if and where we can we can, however we need parents to plan ahead and sign little ones up as early as possible to secure a space in the desired room. If you are expecting we would like to say a big congratulations! We look forward to meeting your little ones soon.

If you have any questions please email Dawn.

Available Adhoc Days

If you have been contributing to nursery fees whilst your child is isolating this contribution can be offset against adhoc days.

There are several adhoc spaces available within the rooms so please contact Dawn or Yasmin if you are interested in booking an adhoc sessions.

We do ask you try and give us as much notice as possible so we can plan our staffing according.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household exhibits Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have under gone a Covid test and received a negative result.

If you have children in multiple rooms/school they must also be kept at home until a negative test is received for the person/people who has symptoms.

If the Covid test result is positive you must all isolate for ten days and not leave your house. In the event of a positive case you must also notify the nursery senior team who will make a note of your positive result and take appropriate action if necessary.

We thank you all for your cooperation in these difficult times.

Drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting children from the nursery gate you **MUST** wear a mask unless medically exempt. This is to ensure the safety of other parents, families and our staff team.



What we have been up to this week...

This week at nursery, all of our bubbles have been very busy playing and learning. Here are some of our favourite activities.

Bunnies

This week we have been making reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' the children had lots of fun exploring our sensory bear hunt tuff tray and moving the bear through the different areas. We have also really enjoyed chalk drawing outside, making large shapes on our playground floor. The babies used lots of different colours to make their pictures and the water and sponges to wash away their pictures to make new ones.

Toddlers

This week we have been reading 'I Went to The Zoo'. The toddlers enjoyed exploring a zoo themed small world area and watched some videos on the live zoo camera. We have also been making marks in coloured cornflour using paint brushes, we have been talking about the different colours and mixing colours together. The toddlers got creative and celebrated the rainy days with cutting and sticking rainbow clouds using pompoms and tassels to make their cloud pictures.

Toddler +

In toddler plus we have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have been writing key words from the story to practice their writing and counting using pictures of gingerbread people. For Pancake Day the children made their own pancakes and helped their teachers to make the batter.

Pre-school 4

The pre-school children have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man' we have explored gingerbread scented playdough and used cookie cutters to make our own gingerbread men playdough shapes. The children really enjoyed painting pictures of scenes from the story and next week will be cooking their own gingerbread to try.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school the children have been making their own pancakes for Pancake Day! The children helped their teachers to measure out the ingredients and mix the batter. Everyone choose what topping they would like to decorate their pancake with and all of them were delicious. The children have also planted their own plants and will be looking after them over the weeks, we have been talking about plant life cycles and what they need to grow and the children are all very excited to see their full grown plants.