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December 2019 Newsletter

A huge THANK YOU to all our families for your continued support and making Little Beans Fernside a fabulous setting, what a wonderful 2019 we have had at Little Beans. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year...



Is your child going to school in September 2020?



You have the right to express a preference for the school you'd prefer your child to attend in September 2020. The published closing date for admission to reception is **15 January 2020**. There are two ways to make your application: online or by paper application form. For more information please contact:

Email: school.admissions@poole.gov.uk

For more information: <https://www.poole.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-infant-and-first-school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-first-school-place/>

School PE Kit

May we ask children that are going to school in September 2020, bring in a PE kit so we can support your child in getting 'School Ready' by working on self-care skills. All PE kits to be in by 31st January 2020.





Fundraising

We raised **£15.87** for **Children in Need** - A big Thank you to all those that donated!

Christmas Jumper Day!

On Friday **13th December** we will be having a Christmas Jumper/ Dress up day to raise funds for Save the Children. Suggested donation £1.



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Dinner!

On **Monday 23rd December** the children will be having a special Christmas Dinner. If your child usually has a packed lunch this day, we will send out slips for you to decide whether you would also like your child to have the Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Nativity!

On **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December** the Christmas Nativity will start at 2pm. We have split the invites between the two dates to alleviate congestion! Please RSVP by 10th December to secure your seats.

Christmas Party!

On **Tuesday 24th December** we will be having party games and party food to celebrate the festivities! Party Dresses and Party Clothing welcome! If your child is not due in but you would like them to join us for the Christmas Party then please book in an extra session and email Carmen our Accounts Manager on littlebeansrunnerbean@outlook.com



Christmas Holiday Club

Little Beans will be holding another holiday club! The holiday club will have lots of fun festive activities planned. The hours are from 8.00am-5.30pm and costs £30 and this is inclusive of any trips and a packed lunch and snacks freshly prepared by our Cook Claire. If you would like to attend the holiday club please email Carmen our Accounts Manager at littlebeansrunnerbean@outlook.com. Holiday Club will run on: 23rd and 24th December 2019 and 2nd and 3rd January 2020.

Please keep your eyes peeled for our new 2020 menu. Claire has been busy prepping new dishes, as well as refining some old favourites – yummy!



Talk to our Family Worker Maria to learn more about Starting Out!

The Starting Out bags have materials that link 'Teaching' and 'Play' because the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is centred around children 'Learning Through Play'. We have a total of 15 Starting Out bags. Each bag has a different set of resources which provide endless opportunities for you to interact with your child's learning.

All our monthly newsletters, menus and dates are available to view on our website -

www.littlebeansdaycare.com ☺

Please also remember to like our Facebook page 'Little Beans Garland' and follow our Instagram page 'Little Beans Day Care', and don't forget to leave us a review!



Recipe of the Month - Mince Pies

Ingredients

- 225g cold butter
- 350g plain flour
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 280g mincemeat
- 1 small egg
- icing sugar, to dust



Method

- To make the pastry, rub 225g cold, diced butter into 350g plain flour, then mix in 100g golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.
- Combine the pastry into a ball – don't add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.
- Preheat the oven to 200C/gas 6/fan 180C. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.
- Spoon 280g mincemeat into the pies.
- Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.
- Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own.
- Beat 1 small egg and brush the tops of the pies. Bake for 20 mins until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 mins, then remove to a wire rack.
- To serve, lightly dust with icing sugar.



Our Christmas gift to you....

Easy playdough

Mix a cup of flour with a squirt of hair conditioner, add a small splash of water and

mix together to make a smooth pliable dough.

Too wet? Add more flour.

Simple!

Term Dates September 2019 – August 2020

For Term Time Only Children

- Autumn Term 2: Monday 4th November-Friday 20th December 2019
- Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2019-Friday 3rd January 2020
- Spring Term 1: Monday 6th January 2020-Friday 14th February 2020
- Half Term: Monday 17th February 2020-Friday 21st February 2020
- Spring Term 2: Monday 24th February 2020-Friday 27th March 2020
- Summer Term 1: Monday 30th March 2020-Friday 3rd April 2020
- Easter Holidays: Monday 6th April 2020-Friday 17th April 2020
- Summer Term 2: Monday 20th April 2020-Friday 22nd May 2020
- Half Term: Monday 25th May 2020-Friday 29th May 2020
- Summer Term 3: Monday 1st June 2020-Monday 20th July 2020
- Summer Holidays: Tuesday 21st July 2020-Monday 31st August 2020

For All Year-Round Children

- Monday 2nd September 2019-Monday 31st August 2020
- Closed Christmas: Wednesday 25th December 2019-Tuesday 31st December 2019
- Bank Holidays (Nursery Closed - APPLIES TO ALL CHILDREN): Wednesday 1st January 2020, Friday 10th April 2020, Monday 13th April 2020, Friday 8th May 2020, Monday 25th May 2020, Monday 31st August 2020

If you have any questions or queries, then please speak to a member of the Little Beans Team who will be happy to help.

Wishing you all a **Delightful December...**

...a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From The Little Beans Team