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# July 2020 Newsletter



We would like to let you all know that it has been lovely to have more children return to Little Beans and we look forward to having more of their friends return this month! We have missed you all so much!

# **Term Dates**

# 2020/2021 Term Dates – Term time Only (TTO) children:

- Term 1 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020
  - Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Term 2 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Term 1 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021
  Half term Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Term 2 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021
  - Half term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Term 1 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021
  - Half term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Term 2 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020
  - Summer Holidays Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### 2020/21 Term dates – All year round (AYR) children:

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021
  - Closed for Christmas Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
  - o Bank Holidays (nursery closed)
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

# This month your Little Beans will be learning about...

#### Our Theme – Big School

Your Little Beans will be learning about big school. Children who are leaving for school will be learning all about school readiness and practicing their skills. Those children who are not yet going to school will be learning about school for when it is their turn as the more preparation we do and the more you do at home – the





# more school ready they will be!

#### School Readiness

We have uploaded school readiness information on Tapestry which includes activities which your children can do at home such as Fiddly Things for Little Fingers and we will continue to add new things we feel will help your children be ready for school that you can take part in at home.

### **Reminders and Updates**

**Toys, water bottles and communication books** – Until the pandemic is over, we are asking that parents **do not** bring in toys, water bottles or communication books. The children will be given specific cups to drink from and the information that would usually be included into the communication books will be put onto Tapestry for you. Children under the age of 2years, can still bring bottles in if they cannot drink from a cup.

#### New process for completing accident forms due to covid-19

We understand accidents happen and as you are aware we have a duty to not only record accidents and injuries that happen to the children whilst in our care but also when they have injured themselves at home. Before the pandemic, parents would report these accidents to us when dropping off their child, however, as we are minimising the physical contact between staff and parents, may we ask parents to let us know before the day their child is due in and we can then email out the form to be completed and we can then print this off or you can bring it along with you when dropping your child off.

If for any reason you are unable to do the forms this way e.g you cannot complete online or the accident happened on the way to nursery, that is absolutely fine, the forms will be handed over to you at the door and you will be asked to complete it outside the building, ring the doorbell once completed and pass on to the staff member.

Staff may ring you to clarify information but please let us reassure you that this is nothing for you to worry about, it is because we are unable to have the same discussion we would have had before the pandemic.

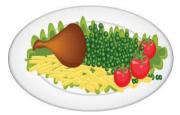
### **Emergency Contacts**

May we ask that all parents update us with any changes of their details, including contact numbers and addresses. May we also ask that parents provide us with additonal emergency contact details as many of the emergency contacts we have for children are currently sheilding and therefore cannot be an emergency contact. The emergency contact must be able to collect your child. We will of course always try to contact parents first.



### Little Beans Lunches & Teas

We have a rolling hot lunch and tea menu - this can be accessed on our website. Our delicious hot lunches are freshly made every day by our own on-site nursery cook Claire. If you would like your child to start having hot lunches (£2.50 per day) or tea (£2.00), then please



speak to a member of staff who can provide you with further information.

# Would you like to know more about 'Starting Out'?



**Car Park/Parking/Public Transport** - Please be aware that parking is for drop off and collection only. Please do not leave cars here whilst going on the school run. Please also park considerately within the marked bays. **YOU MUST NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENT.** If someone has parked on the pavement, they will be politely asked to move their car before they are able to drop off/collect their children. Ensure when getting out of your cars and when waiting outside the nursery, that you are social distancing. May we also ask parents to not use public transport unless there is no other option.

More information about using public transport during the pandemic can be found on: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers

Within this guidance it states children under 3 should NOT be wearing masks, but children 3 years plus should wear them.

<u>Spare Clothing and Children's Belongings</u>— Please ensure you are bringing in spare clothes in a labelled bag such as a rucksack (not a plastic shopping bag). Please pass this to a member of the team when dropping your child at the entrance to the nursery. All spare clothing and belongings in the child's bag <u>must</u> be also be labelled. Even if you do not think your child needs spare clothing there will be occasions when they may need to be changed.



<u>Website</u> Our website has lots of useful information that is updated each month. We put all newsletters, menus and dates for the diary on it. Please regularly check the website to keep updated with what's going on: *www.littlebeansdaycare.com*  Remember to check out our Facebook and Tapestry posts for information, activities, and support. More Home Learning information can be found on: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19</u>



#### Facebook and Instagram

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram page, give us a 'like' and 'follow' to keep updated with dates and reminders. We also add photos regularly of what your Little Beans have been up to. Please also leave reviews!



https://www.facebook.com/littlebeansgarland search on Instagram; Little Beans.

#### **Recipe of The Month – Fish Burgers**

Ingredients:

- 400g white fish, fillet & skinned
- 5 tbsp chopped parsley
- zest of lemon
- pinch of ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- a little flour

# Method:

- Finely chop the fish or put it in a processor and whizz briefly, so that it is still chunky.
- Add the parsley, lemon zest, seasoning.
- Squeeze the mixture well in your hand to drain out any water, then shape into small burgers.
- Heat the oil in a pan sprinkle a little flour on the burgers and cook them over a low to medium heat for about 3 mins then sever.

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

Many thanks

The Little Beans team



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