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## August 2020 Newsletter



The summer holidays have officially started here at Little Beans. July has been, and August will be filled with lots of goodbyes, excitement for big school and emotions as we wish our school leavers the best of luck for their next step to big school and for an amazing summer holiday!

The Little Beans team would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the leaving cards and all the very thoughtful gifts we have received from our lovely school leavers and their parents - this is very much appreciated by all the staff.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all our parents who contributed to the Graduation Leavers Book. It will arrive soon, and we will notify you when it is here ready for collection.

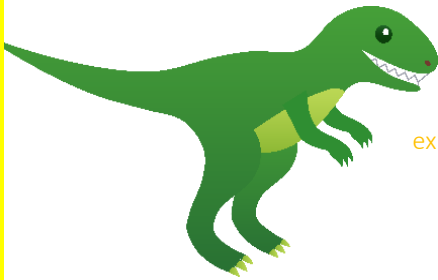
### Term Dates

#### **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
  - 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

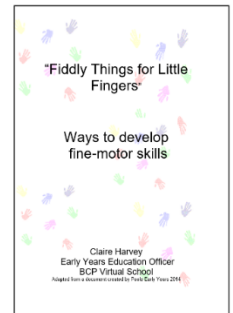


### This month your Little Beans will be learning about...Our Theme – Dinosaurs

Your Little Beans will be learning about the dinosaurs that used to live on our planet. They will be learning the names of the dinosaurs, their habitats and their diet by exploring many fun activities.

### 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.



**Hot Weather** - Due to the increase in temperature, please ensure your child attends nursery wearing SUNCREAM and a HAT. Could you also bring in a NAMED BOTTLE of SUNCREAM (Factor 30 minimum) to be applied at nursery. We are also engaging in lots of water play so a change of clothes is essential!

### 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 additional emergency contact details as many of the emergency contacts we have for children are currently shielding 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.

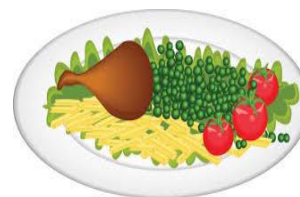
Have you seen the Something New magazine! The parenting magazine for Dorset families! There will be a new magazine every term with something new and interesting! Copies are kept in the reception area! Get your free magazine today!

**SOMETHINGNEW**  
THE PARENTING MAGAZINE FOR DORSET FAMILIES



### 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 (£2.60 per day) or tea (£2.10), then please speak to a member of staff



who can provide you with further information.

**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>

**Spare Clothing and Children's Belongings**— 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 **must** 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.



**Website** 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](http://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: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

### 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/littlebeansferside> search on Instagram; Little Beans.



## Goodbye...

This month we will sadly be saying goodbye to Carmen, our Accounts Manager who is leaving on 21<sup>st</sup> August to start a new career in nursing. We wish Carmen all the best in her new career. Carmen will be greatly missed by everyone at Little Beans. Anne-Marie will be handling all account enquiries in Carmen's absence. Therefore if you have any queries regarding sessions or invoices, please email [lit-beansdcare@gmail.com](mailto:lit-beansdcare@gmail.com).

### *Recipe of the month*

#### Sweet Potato Soup!

##### Ingredients;

- 2 bags of sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 1 large onion, quartered
- 2 red peppers, chopped and deseeded
- 200ml vegetable stock
- 1 Tsp of vegetable oil

##### Method;

- 1 – In a medium pan fry the onions and red peppers with vegetable oil for 3-4 minutes or until soft.
- 2 – Add the potato's, bring to the boil then simmer for 20-25 minutes.
- 3 – Once all the vegetables are soft, blend it all together with a hand blender.

At Little Beans we serve ours with fresh bread



**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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