

November 2020 Newsletter



As we are adapting to guidelines from the government, we have had to make a lot of changes. This mostly impacts the face to face communication. Can we remind you all that instead of communication books we are now doing 'My Days' on Tapestry.

Please check this each day and please write back on My Days as two-way communication is paramount!

May we also remind you that face to face communication is now reduced due to Covid 19. If you feel that you have not had enough communication on the door at drop offs and pick-ups, please remember you can also....

- * Call and speak to any member of the team
- * Email any member of the team
- * Request a meeting
- * Communicating through Tapestry/My Days

We are still here for the best interests of your child and always will be!

Parents Evening

As parents evening cannot go ahead as it usually would due to the current restrictions, we will be holding our parents evening in a different way. Instead of parents coming into Little Beans of an evening, we will instead be contacting parents via phone to discuss your child's learning and development. This will be from the w/c 2nd November. Each keyperson will have an allocated day to contact parents, however if the date and time you are offered is not convenient, please just let us know and we can arrange another date and time. We will be contacting parents over the next couple of weeks to arrange the dates and times.



Our Theme for November – Countries and Festivals

This month the Little Beans will be taking part in learning about different countries, religions, festivals, and traditions from around the world.



Firework & Bonfire night – We will be making our own firework pictures using glitter, straws, paint, chalk and black card and learning about Guy Fawkes and bonfire night.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November– The Little Beans will be learning what Remembrance Sunday is and they will be making and decorating poppy pictures.



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 complimentary magazine today!



Breakfast Club and After School Club for Longfleet School

Our Breakfast Club cost is only £5 and this includes breakfast, activities and drop off to school. Our After-School Club is only £10 and this includes tea, activities and pick up from school.

Open Door Policy

We always have an open-door policy, please feel free to talk to your Little Beans key worker about your child's learning and development or management if you have compliments or concerns you would like to pass on. Meetings can be held virtually or face to face after 5.30pm.

Reminders

Parking - 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. Please also be careful of the newly installed bollards, Little Beans takes no responsibility and cars park at their own risk.

Toys, water bottles and communication books –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 2 years, can still bring bottles in if they cannot drink from a cup. This is to help us minimise the amount of items coming in from children's homes.



Spare Clothing

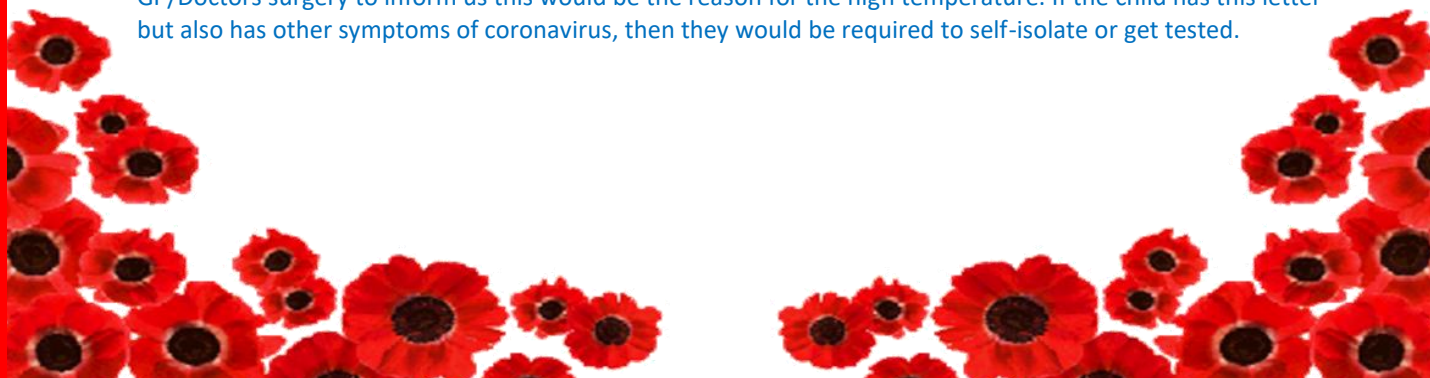
Please ensure you are bringing in spare clothes in a labelled bag. Please leave this on your child's peg in the cloakroom (preschool). All spare clothing should also be labelled. Even if you do not think your child needs spare clothing there will be occasions when they will need to be changed due to messy/water play.

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.

Covids-19 Update on vaccines

If children have had their vaccines at their Doctors surgery, Little Beans understand that sometimes this can cause children to have a temperature. In these instances, we would require a written note from the child's GP/Doctors surgery to inform us this would be the reason for the high temperature. If the child has this letter but also has other symptoms of coronavirus, then they would be required to self-isolate or get tested.





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.



Thank you for working with us during the pandemic

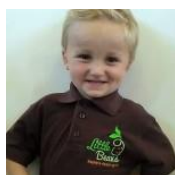


Our staff come to work to care for your children, so it is important for everyone to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

Any adverse behaviour towards our staff or any member of the public will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We feel sure that you will understand that proper behaviour is absolutely necessary for all our staff and families at all times. We all have to work together to get through this crisis and we apologise for not being able to give you our usual warm welcome, but we must take the current situation very seriously and look after the welfare of our children and staff.

Uniform

Little Beans have gorgeous embroidered uniform that is available to purchase, the polo shifts are pretty indestructible too! And also has many other positive benefits, first and foremost it helps your child feel like they belong – they recognise the logo and they associate it with a place that they feel safe, happy and secure. Uniform also helps to prepare your child for school and also means that your lovely clothes stay clean! We have a range of uniform items from hats to polo tops to jumpers!



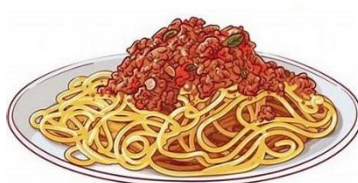
Recipe of the month – Lentil and vegetable bolognaise

Ingredients

- 300g carrots - chopped small
- 1 whole celery head – chopped small
- 1 peppers – chopped small
- 1 onions – finely chopped
- 300g mushrooms - chopped small
- 3 garlic cloves – finely chopped
- 1 tsp oregano
- 2 tsp mixed herbs
- 1 tin of chopped tomato
- 1 cartons of tomato passata
- 400g green or red lentils
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 300-500g Pasta

Method

1. Boil water and add pasta, cook until soft.
2. Heat the oil in a pot and add the vegetables and cook for 15 minutes.
3. Add the chopped tomato, tomato passata, garlic and herbs to the vegetables. Cook for 10 minutes.
4. Add the green lentils and cook on a low heat for 1 hour, adding water throughout the cooking process as necessary.
5. Serve with Pasta





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



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.



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

Term 1 - Monday 7th September 2020 – Friday 23rd October 2020

Half term – Monday 26th October 2020 – Friday 30th October 2020

Term 2 – Monday 2nd November 2020 – Friday 18th December 2020

Term 1 - Monday 11th January 2021 – Friday 12th February 2021

Half term – Monday February 15th – Friday 19th February 2021

Term 2 – Monday 22nd February 2021 – Friday 2nd April 2021

Half term – Monday 5th April 2021 – Friday 16th April 2021

Term 1 – Monday 19th April 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021

Half term – Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021

Term 2 – Monday 7th June 2021 – Friday 23rd July 2020

Summer Holidays – Monday 26th July 2021 – Friday 3rd September 2021

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Friday 31st August 2020

Friday 1st January 2021

Friday 2nd April 2021

Monday 5th April 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021

Monday 31st May 2020

Monday 30th August 2021

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

Monday 31st August 2020 – Friday 27th August 2021

Closed for Christmas – Thursday 24th December 2020 – Thursday 31st December 2020

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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