

## October 2020 Newsletter



### 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 – People Who Help Us

Our theme at Little Beans for November is 'People who help us'. The Big Beans will be using a collection of teaching resources to assist the 'People who help us' theme, including games, activities, stories, displays and posters. We will be encouraging lots of new vocabulary including tricky words like electrician and mechanic! If you have a job role that helps please feel free to email photographs or any resources, for example we would love to hear from police, dentists, doctors, fire people and anyone else who works within the community – we know there is so much our Little Beans can learn from what you do... so please get in touch!!



### 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, which is difficult to offer during these difficult times. However, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to facilitate a meeting with your Little Beans key worker about their learning and development or management. Ideally, meetings will occur at 5.30pm but we are always available on the phone or by email. If you have any compliments or concerns that you would like to pass on, then please get in touch. Don't forget that you can send us a message on Tapestry.

### 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.

### Reminders and Updates

**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 any jabs 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.

## Holiday Club

Book in for our Holiday Club! Covid-19 may have restricted the trips we can take but we still have a wealth of activities planned to keep your children busy!

Book your sessions now for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, for ages 5-12years. All food included.

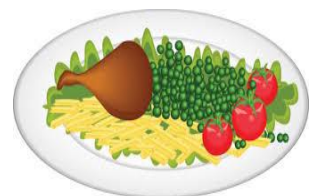
Full Day £30 7.30am-5.30pm / Mini Day £25 9am-3pm



## 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.



### Sonya is having a baby!

After four years of looking after all your littlest beans, we are very excited to announce that Sonya our Baby Room Leader is expecting her very own baby bean and is due in February 2021. We wish Sonya and her partner lots of love, luck and we look forward to cuddles! Sonya will be working with us hopefully until January 2020 before taking maternity leave. Whilst she is on maternity the very capable wonderful Jess will be leading the baby room.



### 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.



### 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)

### Recipe of the month – Jam Tarts

#### Ingredients

- 160g vitalite/margarine
- 75g caster sugar
- 240g plain flour
- 1/2 jar of jam - your choice of flavour



#### Method

1. Mix the flour and vitalite together until it resembles breadcrumbs.
2. Add the caster sugar and mix well.
3. Press into a tray lined with baking paper.
4. Bake for 20 minutes at 180°C.
5. Then top with jam and cook for a further 8-10 minutes.
6. Allow to cool before cutting.

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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