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February 2021 Newsletter



Communication during Covid

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. We actively encourage parents to write on Tapestry to their child's keyworker for a two-way communication. Please also email or call us – we still want to hear from you!

Your Little Beans will also be taking part in creative and fun learning opportunities to celebrate festivals and special days.... See our '**Home Link Sheet**' displayed on the front door each week for the activities we will be doing at nursery and ideas you can do at home too!

Weather and Seasons



During January, the Little Beans have been learning lots about the weather and seasons! The Little Beans love spending time outside in our brilliant garden where they have experienced sun, cloud, rain and wind, and the ever-changing winter weather has led us to some great discussions. We have also focused on the importance of staying warm in the cold weather and wearing appropriate clothing. The Little Beans have been showing brilliant independence by dressing themselves for the outdoors or

Construction and Vehicles

Our theme for February is Construction and Vehicles. The Little Beans will develop their gross motor skills by creating their own vehicles and by exploring our construction area! If anyone has anything they can donate / let us borrow for this theme, please let us know!



Valentines Day on 14th February. The Little Beans will be creating Valentines Day cards for those they love and writing love letters to Mother Nature.



The Little Beans will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 16th February. The Little Beans will be using their math skills to count and measure out ingredients! Yummy!

The w/c 22nd The Little Beans will also be taking part in 'Love your pets day' which falls on Saturday 20th. We will be using our creative skills and practicing our pencil grips by drawing pictures of our pets and making collages. We will be looking at all different animals that we may have as pets, from reptiles to bunny rabbits to goats! Please upload pictures of your pets at home onto Tapestry! This creates a great home link for the children.



Uniform – New Cardigans Available

Little Beans have NEW brown unisex cardigans! These are the same price as our jumpers – Only £12. Order yours today!... Just ask a member of the team for our Uniform Booklet.



Little Beans uniform is gorgeous, embroidered and pretty indestructible too! Our uniform 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 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: Delicious Cheese Biscuits!

This is a lovely recipe for children to take part in at home - it only needs 3 ingredients, and the method is easy to follow!

Ingredients:

120g Grated cheese

120g margarine

150g plain flour



Method:

Mix all ingredients in a bowl into a dough.

Make small balls of the mixture.

Flatten the balls into discs using hands.

Place on a grease proof paper.

Cook in oven at 170* for 15 minutes.

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! Just ask a member of our team!

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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.



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 number of items coming in from children’s homes.

Spare Clothing

Please ensure you are bringing in spare clothes in a labelled bag. Please encourage your child to carry their own bag to promote independence. The staff member will support your child to hang their bag up in the correct area/bubble. All spare clothing should 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.



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.



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



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

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

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

Term 2 – Monday 22nd February – 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 2021

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

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

Monday 31st August 2020 – Friday 27th August 2021

Bank Holidays (nursery closed)

Friday 1st January 2021

Friday 2nd April 2021

Monday 5th April 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021

Monday 31st May 2020

Monday 30th August 2021

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

From The Little Beans Team

