



The Lime Trees at Haddon

January 2019

Welcome back after the Christmas break! We hope you had lovely time celebrating, resting and having fun with loved ones. Happy New Year!

Last half term we made pizzas, got very messy with cornflour and shaving foam, made Christmas presents and much more. We trialled focusing on child initiated learning. We put no toys out to encourage the children to think more about what they wanted to play with. The results have been interesting and hope to continue this year.

During snack time we have been giving the children questions to support them to develop their opinions and awareness of others. Such as 'What is a parent's job?'

About our lovely team

Betsan Dempsey (Club Manager) Betsan has worked in a variety of settings in different roles with children for over a decade.

Haddon recently welcomed a new member to our little team.

Carolyn Mears is a very experienced member of the team also working in a variety of settings with children. She has already proved herself to be thoughtful and hardworking and adds a lot to our team.

Action Plan

Our Action plan is available for parents/carers to view. This is used to self-evaluate our practice through views of parents, professionals, and other stake holders. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to discuss any of the points on the Action Plan. We also have You spoke...We listened notes. if you have any suggestions to improve please do let us know.

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Tips and activities at home

Ideas to keep your children busy:

- Use masking tape to make roads for vehicles or a maze! Easy clean up at the end.
- Make a den and have a picnic inside.
- (If it snows) how about trying glow sticks in the snow when it starts to get a dark.
- Paint pine cones green to make a little forest.
- Make marshmallow snowmen. Ask your child what to use for the hat, buttons, eyes and nose.

You Spoke: We listened

You Spoke - Parents commented the bell sometimes doesn't work.

We Listened - The bells are checked before every BC or ASC.

Upcoming events and Notices

Half term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February.

Haddon will have our first holiday club in February half term. More information to follow soon including how to book.

Miss Capek has again asked me to make sure all children know they are not to go into the staff car park. Please remind your children. Thank you.

We have a fire drill every 4 to 5 weeks so if you hear the fire alarm it is probably our drill. However, if you hear the alarm when coming to collect a child please wait outside in the front entrance until the alarm finishes. Thank you.

Comments

'Thank you for helping our child settle into school, he is indeed a very happy little boy and that's down to you and all the staff at the school.'