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- **Painting with Vegetables** - We set a task for the children to make the scariest monster and the weirdest animal painting with vegetables. Come and look in our photo book; the results were amazing! Mushrooms and celery, blue and yellow paint make great Minions. Why not try these and home and let us know how you get on.
- If your child is unwell or you collect them from school and they are booked in for after school club can you please leave a message on our club phone - 07714 251 281 (not school, unless you cannot get through). We had a few occasions last term where we spent time tracking down the children who had gone home. As you will appreciate it is very important for their safety for us to know where every child is and who has been collected and by whom. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

- This term we want to make it MESSY with cornflour, dough, baking, soil and digging. Watch this space!
- We will also try to start our 'Gardening Club' after last year's success with potatoes and lettuce. Please see Tracy, Charlotte and Grant to volunteer for these job roles.
- We will also (children's request) invest in outside toys, such as tennis, football, new prams, badminton and golf.
- Science explosion night will be starting soon. Please be aware things will be exploding at after school club this term!
- **Club Job Titles** - We had a club meeting and have decided to appoint job roles to those children who volunteered; we have outside monitors, behaviour monitors, stock/stationary monitors and more. In addition we have overall club representatives, who are Alicia Blackwood, Libby Chappell and possibly Ollie Murchie. These three will meet once a month, with one or all of us to discuss what they think everyone liked and what didn't go well. All will get certificates and badges. Positions will change regularly, so everyone can have a turn.
- Finally look out for a challenge bake off where you will be on either Charlotte or Tracy's team. You could win a prize.
- We would also like to make you all aware of an exciting new communication system we are now offering to all our parents/carers. We understand that with busy schedules it can sometimes be difficult to keep up to date with emails and requests. The new app will allow you to:
 - Receive messages from us instantly.
 - You can let us know that your child will not be attending at a click of a button.
 - We can remind you when the club is closed for school holidays and inset days.
 - We can let you know when our holiday clubs are running.
 - You will receive information about our Friday night activities.
 - We can keep you informed on any forthcoming
- If you have any questions about Parent Mail then please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff or contact our head office on 0115 9313562 and hello@thelimetrees.co.uk.

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THE LIME TREES AT ARNOLD VIEW

APRIL 2016

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to another term at Arnold View and as usual, last term we had lots of fun! We took part in World Book Day by inviting parents to send in family pictures; we then took photos of the children's life at our club, put them in printed photo frames and let the children make a book called My Story. We loved finding out about their family life and the response to photos being sent in was wonderful, so thank you so much. We had a baking evening with one successful cake and one batch of rock cakes that got very stuck to the tin, which made it all the more fun! We also had a messy night, involving lots of squirty cream being sprayed at targets and getting covered in flour and jelly. To celebrate Easter we had an egg and spoon race, egg hunt and decorated hard-boiled eggs.

ABOUT OUR LOVELY TEAM

Currently our team is joined by Grant West, who is helping

Tracy and Charlotte. Last term Charlotte completed the Channel programme exam as part of British Values government training. Tracy has also completed the exam. This term Tracy will be attending a designated person Safeguarding course.

YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

- **You spoke:** We could have more dolls and small world items and activities out for younger children.
- **We listened:** We will be addressing this in the new term.
- **You spoke:** Possibly introducing an area for the older children to work i.e. do homework, read.
- **We listened:** As everyone will be aware space is limited and we did try this once before but all used the area. Tracy and Charlotte will have a meeting with our older children to work on ideas together. We like the idea of a graffiti banner, created by them, to segregate the area.

TIPS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME




Following our make your own book week for World book Day a parent commented what a lovely snapshot of memories it covered. Why not make a book at home recording the day-to-day activities they complete with you. We also liked the idea of getting the children to draw the pictures of those important events and maintaining that for a couple of weeks.

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

- "We never fail to be treated warmly when we arrive at the club." – March 2016
- "You treat parents with great sensitivity and care." – March 2016
- "There's always different activities out and lots to do, don't change anything!" – April 2016
- "When walking into the club you are always made to feel welcome. The area is clean and well maintained." – April 2016
- "Always a pleasure to drop my son off at breakfast club. Staff always say 'morning' and it's a happy place." – April 2016
- Thank you for these kind words, if you have any comments about the club please do chat to Tracy.

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