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Burton Joyce



## THE LIME TREES AT BURTON JOYCE FEBRUARY 2016

### TIPS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME

How about doing some puffy paint pictures at home with your children! All you need is shaving foam, white glue and different food colourings. Mix together using a straw or lolly stick then you are ready to start painting on card. We would love to see how you get on so please bring them in to us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES




- 'Stay and Play Day' - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am - 11am for the nursery children. Everyone is welcome to come along, we will be sending out more details soon.
- Emma Simpson and Lydia Crawley are excited to be taking part in a woodlands programme. We will

- be learning how to embrace the outdoors as a educational environment focused on the child's learning needs, rather than specific outcomes. It will help build confidence and self-esteem, learn life skills and promote independence, through hands on experiences. Once we have learnt how to create the different experiences, the activities will become child led. We will achieve this through observations and reviews that will help us prepare for the next sessions. For example if a child shows an interest in where animals live the next session may involve building little shelters for animals.
- Please can we ensure that nursery school dinner money is paid on the day as we have a lot of money outstanding, our school dinners are £2.15.
- During the wet weather can we please ensure that your child/children have a spare pair of clothes as with our free flow some children are getting muddy and wet.



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### WELCOME BACK

We would like to start by saying a big well done to the children who took part in our nursery sing-a-Long and a big thank you to all the parents/grandparents/carers who attended! We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed it as much as we did. We are excited to be back to start our new topics based around your children's interests. We have started by looking at Stickman; which some of children watched during our 2 weeks off. We have also created a builder's yard in the role-play area; we made this because the children showed great interest in the builder's equipment in a catalogue. The afterschool club children have spoken about making puppets and the pool table seems to have made a good comeback. We like the children to keep a list of names of who has already played to encourage turn taking and sharing in the group. Well done for that!

### ABOUT OUR LOVELY TEAM

We are pleased to say Amelia Wheat has finished her Level 2 in childcare and has just signed up to start her Level 3 with us. Fantastic work Amelia! On 4<sup>th</sup> January we all attended an in house training day with Donna Spinks. This involved reflections on our practise, sharing thoughts and ideas and thinking about our activities and what the children gain from them. We had an afternoon with just nursery staff talking about EYFS and the characteristics of effective learning. We found it useful and have been putting it into practice.

### YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

**You spoke:** The children have asked for more creative resources in afterschool club. **We listened:** So to improve this we have ordered lots of different creative items that the children are able to access themselves. These have just arrived so we are excited to use them. We brought some new memory games to help with turn taking and sounding out words and some wooden log building blocks as a natural resource in our construction and imaginative area.




### COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

- We had a lovely comment from a new starter in breakfast and afterschool club saying how welcome they and their child have felt coming into the setting. Thank you! We love to hear your feedback.
- Your comments are very important to us; please feel free to speak to a member of the team at any point. We would like to say thank you for your continued support.



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