



THE LIME TREES AT ARNOLD VIEW

December 2020

What a year 2020 has been.

Despite all of the setbacks and challenges this year, we are still here, supporting children, families and schools.

Since the school holidays the children have been getting stuck into a wide variety of activities and themes. We celebrated Black History Month with food tasting and learning about famous people from sport and history.

We experimented with our senses and science sessions, creating volcanos and blowing the tops off apples.

We have planned our happiness day for 2nd December with lots of crafts and a party brunch and afternoon tea – speak to staff for more info.

Our yearly Craft night will go ahead (date TBC), we have planned some great Christmas crafts for you all and we will have a Xmas treat tea. Again, speak to staff for further details.

Lastly a big thank you to our Monitors who have transformed into Safety Monitors in light of the current situation. Their tireless work and dedication has been beyond our expectations. A special Christmas treat in their honour will be coming their way. Thank you from The Lime Trees.

YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

You Spoke: Snacks are very carb heavy.




We listened: Snack options have been reviewed. Snack now comprises of limited carbs and lots of fresh fruit and veg.

You Spoke: Parents cannot enter the setting and do not know what the children are doing

We listened: We have been using social media more to promote activities. We have been following our planners that were sent to parents in September and, where possible, talking to parents at the end of sessions.

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STAFF TRAINING

Staff have recently updated their Food Hygiene Lv2 and Covid-19 training. They have also completed courses on children's mental well-being, interfaith dialog and extremism.

Environment

We have been working extremely hard to meet the evolving demand to be Covid secure. At present we are still operating within our bubble groups and have nothing but praise for the children and how they have adapted to this new environment. We cannot share resources across a bubble group during a session, but we are cleaning and disinfecting resources which allows them to be rotated throughout the week. Parents are still required to wear face coverings when on the school premises

TIPS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Online Safety

Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of coronavirus. With social distancing and limited multi household interaction, children are spending more time than ever online.

Whilst the internet is a fantastic tool for learning and to stay connected, it can also bring risks.

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they are doing online or who they might be talking to. But talking regularly will help your child feel relaxed and means that when they do have worries, they are more likely to come and speak to you.

The NSPCC has some great resources to support internet safety for children and they can be found by clicking [here](#)

February Holiday Club Offer

All February Holiday Club sessions booked before December 25th will receive 10% off the total cost.

Follow the link to book your sessions now - [Bookings Portal](#)



WISH UPON A STAR

This year we are working in partnership with the Wish Upon a Star foundation to raise funds for their trips to Lapland. Sadly, due to current events they cannot take families to Lapland for the first time in 30 years and will be concentrating on raising money for next year's event. To support their fundraising efforts, we will be taking part in a sponsored elf walk. Children will be provided with an elf hat and complete laps of the playground or school hall. To donate to this amazing charity please follow our link - [Just Giving](#)

FOODBANKS

You may have received our email regarding foodbanks. We provide childcare for approximately 1400 families and are now offering foodbank vouchers. Please speak to your club Manager or Head Office for further information. We are also accepting food donations into our settings. If you would like to donate, please inform your settings Club Manager and we will arrange for the food to be delivered to a local foodbank.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

- Thursday 3rd December – International Day of Disabled Persons
- Tuesday 22nd December – Invoice Due
- Friday 18th December – Last day of term
- Friday 1st January – New Years Day
- Monday 4th January – First day of term
- Friday 15th January – Martyn Luther King Day
- Monday 18th January – Winnie the Pooh Day
- Monday 25th January – Burns Night
- Friday 5th February – World Nutella Day
- Friday 12th February – Chinese New Year
- Friday 12th February – Last day of term
- 15th – 22nd February – School Holidays – Holiday Clubs Available
- Tuesday 23rd February – First day of term

COMMENTS

“Super set up and super staff”

“Thank you for your hard work during this difficult time”

“Well organised and good communication”

“Been coming here for years and they’ve adapted to the situation very well”