



## THE LIME TREES AT BURTON JOYCE

**January 2020**

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you have all enjoyed the seasonal festivities and are looking forward to the Spring term.

We had a very busy run up to Christmas, full of fun activities including our tree decorating afternoon, the Christmas nursery performance and the end of year party.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the nursery Christmas performance, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to all who came to decorate our tree this year, we really appreciate your help as it looked truly amazing. We hope to make this a yearly tradition as it was such a success this year.

As always, we are continually looking at how we can improve our practice and the service we offer to our families. This term we will be focusing on reading and vocabulary.

We have our '50 favourite books' box in the parent area which you can take home books to read with your child every night. We currently have a book of the month where we read the same book to fully embed the vocabulary, rhythm of the text and identify with the characters. Staff are using challenging vocabulary with children during play and this can be going on the display board in the writing area. We will also send this out via Tapestry so you can continue to embed this at home.

### YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

**You Spoke:** Parent asked for more photos on Tapestry

**We Listened:** Staff have been busy posting more photos daily

**You Spoke:** Children have asked for more outdoor toys

**We Listened:** We have ordered more outdoor games

**You Spoke:** A nursery child new to the setting was showing a clear preference for a member of staff.

**We Listened:** We changed his Key Worker and now he is much happier.



## STAFF TRAINING

All staff have updated their safeguarding training and completed a required Mathematics course.

Emma, Lydia and Mrs Rickards completed their Paediatric First Aid Training. We are proud to announce that all our staff are now fully trained which is a great achievement.

Lydia has completed the first stage of Makaton signing training and is due to complete the second stage in March.

All our Managers have carried out training on; Domestic Violence, Toxic Trio, ACES, Breast Ironing, County Lines, Equality and Diversity and further SEN training.

## ENVIRONMENT

By the end of 2020, we want to remove all use of single plastic in our settings. We are going to arrange a playful challenge for the children which involves picking up 3 pieces of plastic per day in the local area and completing a reward chart which we will provide. This will help to educate children on plastic waste and how we can improve our environment.

## TIPS & ACTIVITIES AT HOME

### Oral Hygiene

There has recently been a big push on oral health among children due to evidence proving an increase of tooth decay and sugar intake. The Lime Trees have chosen to introduce a February challenge for all our children to take part in.

The challenge will involve the children completing a reward chart which we will provide, with a tick or a sticker morning and evening. Every child that completes their chart will receive a reward at the end. To complete a full tooth clean, all children should spend 2 minutes cleaning all of their teeth thoroughly.

For more advice on oral hygiene please speak to your dentist or further information is provided on our website.

**ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)** – Learn more about preventing ACES by assuring safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments. Please visit YouTube to view the educational video – [www.youtube.com/aces](http://www.youtube.com/aces)

**FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS-** In the spring term, The Lime Trees will also be hosting Paediatric first aid training for parents to administer basic first aid including CPR. Dates and venue to be confirmed. Please see our website for other useful information & tips at home.

**NURSERY SLEEP WORKSHOP** – On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9am, our Nursery Manager, Helen will be providing a free workshop on sleep. Helen has received training from the 'Sleep Tight' programme and we will discuss sleepy foods, the environment and routines. Please come along and we look forward to seeing you all there.



## CHARITY WORK

**Residential homes** - In December, we purchased gifts and made Christmas bags for The Manor Retirement Home in Arnold. Members of staff and a small group of children visited the residential home, sang songs and handed out the gifts. The residents thoroughly enjoyed this and we hope to work more with the elderly this year.

**Foodbanks** – You may have recently 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 setting's Club Manager and we will arrange for the food to be delivered to a local foodbank.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – INSET day closed

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** – all sessions open

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Nursery Sleep Workshop for parents at 9am – details provided

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Chinese New Year celebrations

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Meet the Manager at 9am – details provided

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** – last day of term

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – INSET day – Holiday Club – booking essential

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb-1<sup>st</sup> Mar**- Dark Skies Festival – help us reduce light pollution to gaze at the night sky

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Holiday Club- booking essential

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Pancake day- Nursery pancake race 2.30pm-all welcome

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar**- WOW (Women of the World) celebration day- help us to celebrate the amazing achievements of some of the world's most influential women

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** – St Patricks day – wear something green

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Mother's Day afternoon tea – 2pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr**- last day of term

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Holiday club- booking essential

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Good Friday – closed

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr**- Easter Monday – closed

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Apr**- holiday club – booking essential

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** – all sessions open

## Action Plan

The nursery team are continuing to focus on raising the quality of our educational programme even higher. We are committed to delivering a broad curriculum that is stimulating, exciting and imaginative to ensure all the children are making rapid progress. If you have any questions or would like to share your ideas, please speak to a member of the Early Years team at nursery.

We have recently been asked about nursery Tapestry observations. We have increased our photographs on Tapestry but are limiting the written observations as we would like our staff to focus on the time spent with the children. If you have any queries, please do contact head office or speak to the Nursery Manager, Helen.