



## THE LIME TREES AT CROPWELL BISHOP

### 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 Christmas sing along and stay play which was a great success with lots of you attending to join in the fun. We also had our nursery Christmas party which is always a lovely exciting day.

This half term at Cropwell Bishop we are going to be focusing on healthy eating and having lots of discussion around foods that are good for us.

We are happy to inform you all that from the start of this term we are welcoming Jess Dalby to our team on a more permanent basis.

## Upcoming events and Notices

- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> January: Chinese New Year
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> February – National story telling week (We are inviting parents & grandparents etc to come in and share their favourite stories with the children.)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> February: Internet safety day
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February: inset day – Holiday club open
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup>: Holiday club open
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> February: Pancake day
  
- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> March – World book day (come dressed up)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March: WOW day (Women of the world day)
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March -13<sup>th</sup> – British science week
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patricks day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Mother's Day
  
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April – Thur 9<sup>th</sup>: Holiday club open
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday - Closed
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday – Closed
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Holiday club open
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – all sessions open as normal.
- Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> April: St Georges day

### YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

You spoke: The children have been really animated with books and having stories read to them especially “What the lady bird heard”.

We listened: We have now purchased more books from this series and have set up a tough spot with all the characters for the children to re-enact the story.

You spoke: The children asked to do more baking at afterschool club.

We listened: We ordered more ingredients and planned more varied baking activities.



## STAFF TRAINING

Last term all our club managers carried out a lot of wider safeguarding training including the following:

Domestic violence  
Toxic trio  
Breast ironing  
County lines

And ACES (Adverse childhood experiences - - Learn more about preventing ACES by assuring safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments. Please visit YouTube to watch the powerful educational video via the attached link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gm-INpzU4g>

Other staff training included:  
Equality & Diversity, further SEN training, Awe and wonder training & Mathematics training.

We are also proud to inform you that all our Lime Trees staff are trained in Paediatric first aid which we think, is a great achievement.

## ACTION PLAN

### Tapestry

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.

### Outdoors

We now have most of the new outside equipment ready and waiting to be set up in the upcoming spring, once we have had some new turf laid once the warmer weather arrives. We are very excited to see the completed project after Easter, we hope you are too.

## TIPS & ACTIVITIES AT HOME

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 see this as being of high importance and 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 they can collect from the club manager and marking it with a tick or a sticker in each box. Twice per day for each set of brushing. Every child that completes their reward chart will receive a reward at the end. To complete a full tooth clean, all children should spend 2 minutes both morning and night cleaning all their teeth thoroughly.

For more advice on oral hygiene please speak to your dentist or you can find out more information on Website.

In the spring term The Lime Trees will also be hosting a session of first aid training for parents to access to enable you to administer basic first aid to your children including CPR. Dates and venue to be confirmed.

Please see our Website for other useful information & tips at home.



## CHARITY WORK

Here at the Lime Trees we are always looking for ways of giving back to our local community, and one of our visions at the end of last year was to increase our charity work.

So just before Christmas we brought and made up Christmas gift bags to take along with some of our children to the residents at The Manor care home in Arnold, where some songs were sung, and a good time was had by all.

You may also 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 settings Club Manager and we will arrange for the food to be delivered to a local foodbank.

Our Vision for the future is to carry out a lot more charity work for our OAP's as well as working with Wish Upon A Star.

## ENVIRONMENT

By the end of 2020, we want to remove all single use plastics from within our settings.

We are going to arrange a playful challenge for the staff and children which involves picking up 3 pieces of plastic per day in the local area and completing a reward chart. There will be a prize for the child who collects the most plastic over the month. This will help to educate children on plastic waste and how we can all help to improve our environment.

Please see a member of staff for a printed reward chart.

## PARENT COMMENTS:

"The nursery always has such a warm, welcoming and caring atmosphere."

"It always feels like I'm leaving my daughter with family, you just don't get that at other settings. It really is a special place, the staff are amazing with the children, but they support the parents just as much!"