



THE LIME TREES AT FOREST TOWN

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.

Environment

During the holidays, Sophia, Joanna and Lisa have been busy making the nursery environment outstanding both indoors and outdoors. As you have probably been able to notice we have adapted a more natural environment.

We have also now created a fabulous sensory area. This area was created using some additional funding we received from Nottinghamshire County Council and I think you will agree it's a lovely addition to our nursery.

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. There will be a prize for the winner. This will help to educate children on plastic waste and how we can improve our environment.

Signing In

Please can we remind all parents/carer to sign their children in and out of nursery on the register in reception, this is used to create invoices.

Water Bottles

Can we please ask if every child could bring in a water bottle in daily to keep on the snack bar please. We find children drink more if they have their own bottle to drink from.

YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

You Spoke: Can you help me fill a form out for EHC?

We Listened: Of course! Let me know when is a convenient time.

You Spoke: Can we have a bigger kitchen outside?

We Listened: The staff will arrange this for the half term

You Spoke: Please can we have some Christmas crafts

We Listened: We will purchase some on the next order

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Staff Training

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

Refer a Friend

Refer a somebody to our nursery and not only will you receive a £50 voucher but you will both receive a 50% off month when they have been in the setting for 3 months.

Healthy Eating

I would like to remind all parents of our healthy eating policy, this includes lunchbox's. Please can we ask that there is a piece of fruit in every lunch box and not too many treats. If you need any ideas you can find some healthy eating leaflets in reception.

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 the reward chart 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 teeth 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 on our website.

ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) – Learn more about preventing ACES in your community by assuring safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments. Please visit YouTube to watch the educational video – 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.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

6th January – Nursery re-opens

25th January – Chinese New Year

14th February – Valentine’ Day

Last day of childcare funding

17th February – St Patrick’s Day

2nd March – Funding sessions return

5th March – World Book Day

9th March – British Science Week

27th March – Last day of childcare funding

Action Plan

We are currently working on children’s independence and particularly enhancing our teaching and learning throughout 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.