



## THE LIME TREES AT HADDON

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. From celebrating Diwali and Children in Need to learning about anti bullying and anti-racism, the children have had lots to do. We have even had some Joe Wickes style morning circuits, thanks to a few of the boys

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas and

all things wintery. Before we breakup for Christmas we will be creating snowflakes, imaginative Christmas scenes and calendars ready for 2021.

With the shorter days and the dark evenings, we will be focusing on space in the new year. We will be exploring outside with torches to see what we can discover, and a lot of the time will be spent looking up at the wonders of space, learning about planets, stars and constellations.

We are looking forward to an exciting fun packed time with your children.

### YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

**You Spoke:** After school snack is often served late so some children miss out.




**We listened:** Snack options have been reviewed and snack is served at the start of the session, straight after registration

**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. A lot of time has been spent updating their health and safety knowledge and also refreshing their knowledge on Prevent Duty and safeguarding.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December – International Day of Disabled Persons

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Invoice Due

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Years Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Martyn Luther King Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Winnie the Pooh Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Night

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February – World Nutella Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – School Holidays – Holiday Clubs Available

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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”