



THE LIME TREES AT MANOR PARK

January 2020

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

We have lots of exciting activities planned this term!

We have adapted a more natural environment for the children of which they are already enjoying within the club.

Please have a look at our Home Corner as this has been re-vamped!

Please also have a look at your children's work that is now on display in the room on the far wall. We think

you will agree that it looks fabulous. Remember to have a look at your child's work along with the photos on "Our Journey Board".

We have also invested in a multi-functional games table of which the children are really enjoying.

A shed has been ordered to put all our outside toys and equipment in for the children to enjoy.

We are looking forward to an exciting fun packed term.

YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

You Spoke: "Can we have a bigger kitchen, maybe a café?"

We Listened: Of course! We will arrange for this to happen!

You Spoke: "Can we have some Christmas craft's ordering?"

We listened: Of course! We will order some.



STAFF TRAINING

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

Jo has recently completed “Wider Safeguarding” and Early Identification and Intervention with Nottinghamshire County Council.

Sophie has recently completed Portage Training and received her SENCO certificate.

Environment

By the end of 2020, we want to remove all use of single plastic in our settings. We are planning 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.

TIPS AND 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 in the morning and evening when they have cleaned their teeth.

Every child that completes their reward chart will receive a prize at the end. To complete a full teeth clean, your child should spend 2 minutes each time cleaning their teeth thoroughly.

For more advice on oral hygiene please speak to your dentist or see further information 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 watch the educational video-WWW.youtube.com/aces

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS

In the Spring term The Lime Trees will 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 and tips at home.



CHARITY WORK

Residential Homes –

In December, we purchased gifts and made Christmas bags for The Manor Nursing 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 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

Mon 27th Jan – Chinese New Year Celebrations

Mon 17th Feb – Holiday Club – booking essential

Mon 24th Feb – Inset Day

Fri 14th Feb – 1st Mar – Dark Skies Festival – help us reduce light pollution to gaze at the night sky.

Tues 25th Feb – Pancake Day

Fri 6th 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 17th Mar – St Patricks Day – Wear something green.

Fri 20th Mar – Mother's Day

Fri 3rd April – Last day of term

COMMENTS FROM PARENTS"

"My daughter loves coming to the Lime Trees. It is great to know that my little girl is in safe hands for those hours in the day where I am still at work. I am glad that she is able to go to The Lime Trees for a few more years."

"I couldn't be happier with this outstanding club."

"Really pleased with everything The Lime Trees do for our boys and for the flexibility."

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