



Little Lambs Pre-School Centre

Parents Termly Newsletter - Summer 2018

Welcome Back & Sponsored Event — Thank you

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the lovely springtime weather! We would like to say a special "Thank You" to all of you who braved the rain to take part in our sponsored walk/bike ride, either at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge on the last day of term or if you didn't make it at a time of your own choosing.

We eagerly await the sponsor money to come in so we can pay for our new interactive whiteboard, which is waiting to be used! We would like to buy a new computer to go with the new Smartboard so that the children can make full use of all its functions. Also we wish to restock our arts and craft supplies for the children to enjoy

throughout the Summer term and beyond. If we all raise a little, who knows what our total may be with God's blessing.

Many thanks for working with us to continue to provide the excellent standard of equipment and resources which the Lambs use daily.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Summer Term with you and your children, with lots of lovely things planned.

Best wishes,

Sandra and Team



Arrival & Collection Times

Morning sessions arrival between 8.30—8.40am and collection at 11.30am.

Afternoon arrival 12.30pm, collection times are 3.00pm and 3.30pm for grant funded children accessing 3 hour sessions.

Please try to adhere to these times for the benefit of all.

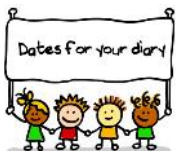
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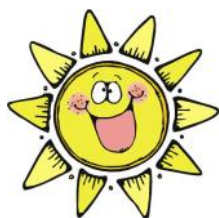


Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday	3 May	CLOSED for voting
Monday	7 May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	8 May	9.30am & 1.00pm - Bluebell Woods Spring Walk, Walton, Clent (letter sent out)
Friday	18 May	10.30 - 11.30am Safeguarding Workshop for Parents - 'PANTS' (for am & pm parents)
Mon-Fri	28 May-1 June	** HALF TERM **
Mon & Tue	4/5 Jun	CLOSED - INSET days, home visits for September intake
Thursday	14 Jun	1.45pm drinks, 2.00pm start - Father's Day service for all PM children
Friday	15 Jun	8.40am drinks, 9.00am start - Father's Day service for all AM children
Thursday	21 Jun	3.30 - 4.30pm - Parents Evening - 2 year checks only
Tuesday	26 Jun	10.00am - 3.00pm Dudley Zoo Summer Trip for am and pm children & parents (letter enclosed)
Tuesday	3 Jul	Sports Day - 9.15-11.30am and 12.45-3.00pm for AM and PM children & parents
Friday	6 Jul	CLOSED - New September intake to visit
Saturday	7 Jul	SUMMER GRAND DRAW
Thursday	12 Jul	5.00 - 7.00pm - Parents Evening - for pm parents only
Tuesday	17 Jul	End of Term last session for PM children
Wednesday	18 Jul	9.00am drinks, 9.30am start - Leavers Service for all children starting school September 2018, followed by picnic in the park at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge

****SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN****

Notes and News



Sun Policy

As hopefully the weather will continue to get warmer as we move into Summer, please make sure you read our Sun Protection Policy, a copy of which is on our website, please ask if you would like

a paper copy.

We have Little Lambs Sun Hats in stock at a cost of £3.25.

Here's to lovely sunny days and lots of play outdoors!!!

Parking

A reminder to parents about parking at our busiest times of day on arrival and departure.

PLEASE DO NOT double park or park on pavements. This is not only dangerous, but could result in the Police being called and cars being ticketed.

In addition, please do not block the entrances to the Church car park or nursery drive.



Healthy Snacks at Café



We have kept the café charges the same since September 2013. Unfortunately the prices that we have to pay have not remained the same during the almost 5 years since then so regrettably we have had to take the decision to increase our

charges to cover not only the food items which are supplied, but the consumables that go with them such as kitchen roll, cleaning sprays, cloths, gloves, hand sanitiser, baby wipes, etc. Thank you for your understanding.

Therefore from Summer Term the charge for café for those on grant funding will now be **£2 per week** for a lovely variety of daily healthy snacks and fruit.

We would be grateful if the amount payable this half term (**£10 for 17 April - 25 May**) could be paid during the next two weeks.

Please note, unlike schools, we do not receive a free fruit allowance from the government.

Useful Resources

A new document "What to expect, when?", published by 4Children supported by Department for Education, is guidance for parents about children's learning & development in EYFS and is available to download

www.4children.org.uk/Resources/Detail/What-to-expect-when

We thought you might also find the following websites useful and interesting when looking for activities to do with your children at home:

• The Imagination Tree - <http://theimaginationtree.com>

• One Perfect Day - www.oneperfectdayblog.net

And these websites have interesting information for the health of your children:

• St John's Ambulance baby CPR - www.sja.org.uk/sja/default.aspx

• British Heart Foundation be active resources - www.bhfactive.org.uk/earlyyearsguidelines/index.html

Little Lambs Lending Library

Little Lambs morning children will continue to choose a Library book to share at home during Monday morning sessions.

These are to be returned the same day the following week please

On Fridays at 11.30am there is an opportunity for children, with their parents/carers, to choose and borrow one of our Storysacks or CD-Roms.

We only have 10 story sacks and 30 CD-Roms so they will be issued on a 'first come first served' basis.

It would be much appreciated if they could be returned on the following Monday morning in order to be checked back and used in Lambs sessions if required.

These CD-ROMs cost between £40 - £50 each and we ask that parents take great care with these items on loan.

Any damages which occur whilst in your possession will need to be paid for by yourselves.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Sickness and Holidays

PLEASE make sure that you let us know ON THE DAY if your child is sick and will not be attending Pre-School.

If you have booked a holiday or a day out, please also let us know in advance by completing a Holiday Form.

It saves us much worry and concern!

Morning School Leavers Reports

Please note - there is no formal Parents Evening for morning children this term. Reports will be given to parents week commencing 9th July.



Should you wish to have an informal chat with your child's Key Person, they are available at the end of morning sessions between 11.30 - 11.45am on 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th July.

School Admissions—September 2018

Please could all morning parents/carers let us know which school their child will be transferring to in September.

If anyone needs any further support - particularly if you are considering the appeal panel route - please do not hesitate to talk to us.

We are here to help you.

Trips & Specials this term

Bluebell Wood Spring
Walk

Walton, Clent

Tuesday 8 May
9.30am & 1.00pm

Safeguarding Workshop
for all parents - PANTS

Friday 18 May
10.30am

Little Lambs Father's Day
Services

Thursday 14 June, 2.00pm

for dads/grandads of
afternoon children

Friday 15 June, 9.00am
for dads/grandads of morning
children

Summer Trip

Dudley Zoo

Tuesday 26 June

Summer Grand Draw

Saturday 7 July

Sports Day

Tuesday 3 July

AM & PM

Children & Parents

Parents Evenings -
2 year checks only -

Thursday 21 June

afternoon parents only

Thursday 12 July

5.00—7.00pm

Leavers Service

Wednesday 18 July

9.00 for 9.30am

Followed by picnic in the park

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On-Line...

Our weekly notices, Prospectus, full Policy Documents, this newsletter, holiday forms and Wow moments are now all available online - www.bethelchapel.net

Information sharing

If your child has done anything exciting during the week-end or holidays or has achieved a particular milestone, we would like to know so that we can talk about such an event with them. We have "WOW Moments - Parents/Carers Voice" slips for you to complete available in Nursery entrance or online to download. If you wish to include photos with some of these we would love to see them and they will be added to your child's Learning Journey to give a complete overview of your child's learning experiences at Pre-School and at home, on outings and holidays.

Reminders

Please, please, please, will you put your child's name in ALL ITEMS OF THEIR UNIFORM plus their COATS and SHOES



Mobile phones must not be used once inside the nursery building

- An important reminder that children's safety on the nursery drive and the entrance foyer remains the responsibility of parents/carers both on arrival and departure.
- Can we also remind parents and carers not to leave children unattended in vehicles for short periods whilst dropping off/picking up, even close to the gates of nursery.
- Could all parents make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes daily (needed for water play or toileting purposes)
- Also could we ask parents to return any spare Little Lambs clothes they may have at home

Emergency Evacuation Policy

A reminder that should we ever need to evacuate nursery for any reason, our policy will be to take all the children to Wollescote Primary School in Drummond Road to keep them safe and then to contact parents/carers to pick them up from there.



And Finally.....

This term we continue with the healthy menus at Café, listing allergens present in any of the items for your information. The well balanced and nutritious snacks and drinks menus have been especially designed to meet all the welfare requirements of the provision of healthy food under the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Our healthy café provides an ideal opportunity to help every child eat well, enjoy a varied diet and establish healthy eating habits to take with them into their school years.

The snack menu for this term is as follows:-



Menu 1	Menu 2	Menu 3	Menu 4	Menu 5
Wheat Crackers (gluten)	Wholemeal Pitta Bread (gluten)	Wheat Crackers (gluten)	Shreddies (gluten)	Baked Beans
Cheese - Cheddar (milk)	Houmous (sesame seeds)	Soft Cheese (milk)	Milk	Toast (gluten & soya)
Apple	Cucumber	Tinned Peaches	Banana	Vitalite Spread
				Apple

Looking forward to enjoying the Summer Term here at Little Lambs.

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