



Little Lambs Pre-School Centre Parents Termly Newsletter - Summer 2022

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break! We would like to welcome all our new children and families, we hope that your time with us will be one filled with fun and

wonderful memories.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Summer Term with you and your children with lots of activities and events planned.

We have a Spring Sponsored event planned at the end of this half-term where we will ask you, your friends and family to sponsor your child to walk to raise money for new equipment,

to replace some very tired but well-loved equipment, and to add to our art resources. We would very much appreciate it if you could support this event - much of our existing equipment, including our climbing trail and Astro-turf play surface, was purchased thanks to previous parents and families support. Any fundraising you can help us with is truly

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appreciated by us and your children.

Best wishes

Jen and the Team



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 May	Closed - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 17 May	Summer Trip & Sycamore Centre - all children (nursery CLOSED – see letter for further details)
Thursday 26 May	Spring Sponsored Event – Wollescote Park - morning (details to follow)
Friday 27 May	CLOSED—INSET Day
30 May - 3 June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 6 June	CLOSED—INSET Day
Thursday 16 June	PM - Father's Day Pop-In (details to follow) Please note - no PM 30 hour session
Friday 17 June	AM - Father's Day Service
Thursday 23 June	PM Parent's Evening and 2 year check meetings
Friday 24 June	CLOSED for visits back to nursery for September intake
Tuesday 28 June	Sports Day AM & PM sessions (Weather permitting - Thurs 30 June contingency day for bad weather!)
Saturday 2 July	SUMMER FAYRE
Tuesday 19 July	End of Term - Afternoon children last session
Wednesday 20 July	End of Term - Morning children leavers service (details to follow)

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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!!!

30 Hour Sessions

Please note there will be **no 30 hour afternoon session on Thursday 16 June.**

All morning children should be collected at 11.30am on this day.



We would like to remind parents of **grant-funded children ONLY** that a contribution of £2.00 a week is payable for a lovely variety of daily healthy snacks and fruit. Please see noticeboard or online notices for daily menus.

We would be grateful if the amounts payable (£10.00 for this half term) could be paid during the next two weeks.

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

Healthy Snacks at Café Time

Change of Address & Contact Numbers

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you let us know immediately of any change of address, telephone, email address or mobile contact details. Forms are available on request for you to complete.

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.

Collection of Children

- Please note that if it is not yourself collecting your child, arrangements have to be made with Pre-School staff as to who will be collecting, and preferably, a password given. Please try not to be late in collecting your child, as this can be upsetting for the child, and also these are busy times to set up for the afternoon and to clear up at the end of a day. Obviously, in the event of an emergency, children are always cared for by staff until collection is possible, but please contact Nursery to let us know that there will be a delay, if at all possible.
- An important reminder that children's safety on the nursery drive 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.

Uniform

A lot of new uniform has been purchased, so please be sure that it is clearly labelled either in indelible ink or with an iron or sew on tag.

Could you also please write your child's name in their coats and shoes, as many children have the same style, size and width-fitting shoes at this age and confusion can easily arise, especially during role-play situations.



Email Addresses

We will be sending out weekly notices and any necessary correspondence to your email address. Please make sure we have your correct email address and that you check your emails regularly to ensure you don't miss anything!!

Useful Resources

A useful document "What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: a guide for parents", published by East London Research School and Department for Education, is guidance for parents about children's learning & development in EYFS and is available to download <https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Also available by following the below link is The Early Years Foundation Stage 2021—a guide for parents and carers, published by ParentZone, which will give you further information

<https://connectchildcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/The-Early-Years-Foundation-Stage-EYFS-2021-A-guide-for-parents-and-carers-2.pdf>

We thought you might also find the following links interesting :

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

<https://www.instagram.com/imaginationtree/>

St John's Ambulance baby CPR - <https://youtu.be/0aV9NS0ogiM>

I'm sure you all wish to keep your children safe whilst they are using the internet. Below is a link to the NSPCC online safety tool to support you and safeguard your children

NSPCC Online Safety - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety>

Fees

For any parents not receiving grant who are paying fees, could you please ensure that any money due is paid **on your child's first session of the week**. Fees are payable weekly or monthly in advance if you prefer.

Online bank transfers are preferred where possible for payment of fees, snack money and uniform. Our bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Bethel Chapel
Account No: 00757698
Sort Code: 30-93-75



Where this is not possible, please use the blue envelopes available from staff for payment of cash.

Birthdays

Children's birthdays are celebrated within the sessions at Little Lambs. We would encourage parents not to bring in sweets and cakes as we feel this puts people under unnecessary pressure to buy for all children at an already expensive time. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Toys

We have lots of toys in nursery, so please discourage children from bringing toys in from home. They can get lost or broken and children often struggle to share their own toys.

Thank you for your support

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.

Important Reminders:

Smoking & Vaping

Bethel grounds and premises are no smoking areas. This includes both traditional and e-cigarettes. The boundary includes the area in front of the Little Lambs gates to a line between the front railings and the church wall. If you must smoke whilst waiting for your children, please do so on the public footpath and leave this recess smoke-free for parents, children & babies waiting at the gates. Thank you



Mobile Phones



Mobile phones should not be used on nursery premises.

Clothes

Could all parents make sure that they bring a spare change of clothes daily (needed for water play or toileting purposes)



Sickness, Holidays & other absences

PLEASE make sure that you let us know as early as possible that day if your child will not be attending Pre-School for any reason.



This is an important requirement for all parents and carers.

CCTV

We have external CCTV cameras in place around Bethel Chapel and Little Lambs Pre-School Centre for the prevention and detection of crime and for protecting the safety of staff and visitors.

Arrival & Collection Times

Due to current changes because of staggered drop off and collections, to reduce numbers and keeping separate bubbles of children, below are the arrival and collection times of each room.

Morning Children

Rainbow Room & Dove Room Children

Drop off and collect from main nursery entrance 8.25 - 8.35am
11.25 - 11.35am

Sunshine Room Children

Drop off and collect from Sunshine Room door on outdoor area 8.25 - 8.35am
11.25 - 11.35am

Afternoon Children

Rainbow Room & Dove Room Children

Drop off at main nursery entrance 12.30 - 12.40pm
Collect from main nursery entrance - dependant on the agreed finish time for your child 2.50 - 3.00pm
or
3.25 - 3.30pm

Sunshine Room Children

Drop off and collect from Sunshine Room door 12.30 - 12.40pm
2.50 - 3.00pm
or
collect from main nursery entrance if your child's finish time is 3.30pm 3.25 - 3.30pm

Coronavirus Update

Whilst all legal Government restrictions have now been lifted, the Government advice issued to settings is as follows:

"Anyone who tests positive - whether they paid for a test, or it was free - will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious."

"Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They can go back to nursery, school or college when they feel well enough, and the fever has gone."

We continue to request that if your child is unwell with any symptoms that may link to COVID 19, help us by keeping them at home until they are well.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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On-Line & Reviews

Our weekly notices, Prospectus, full Policy Document, this newsletter and lots of other useful documents are all available online - <https://www.bethelchapel.net/little-lambs/>

Please check at weekends for important notices for the following week, especially if you are not able to come into Pre-School on a daily basis due to work commitments etc.



Can parents help us to boost our online presence by reviewing Little Lambs on Google please? You can access this by searching for Little Lambs Pre-School on

Google then clicking on 'Write a Review'. Thanks for your help.

We would appreciate any parents who have Facebook to follow us as we share updates on nursery and please leave a recommendation if you are able -

<https://www.facebook.com/Lambs1991>

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. Please add your photos and anecdotes to their Tapestry account to give a complete overview of your child's learning experiences at Pre-School and at home, on outings and holidays

If you would like to submit an application form for another child, please print out the application form from the website - <http://www.bethelchapel.net/littlelambs1.htm> - complete and return it to Nursery

School Admissions—September 2022

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.

Informal Afternoon Parents Discussions

Thursday 23 June

This is an informal evening where you can discuss the progress of your child and we encourage you as parents to come along and find out a little more about our Pre-School life and day to day activities here at Little Lambs. If you wish to discuss your child's progress with their Key Person, to avoid unnecessary delays, it would be easier if you booked a **10 minute appointment slot**. We would welcome and value any ideas, views and suggestions you may have and are happy to answer any questions arising, as we work together for the benefit of our children.

Afternoon Children's Progress Check

As part of the EYFS curriculum, it is a requirement that all children at nursery aged between 24-36 month have a progress check.

To comply with this we will arrange for each of our key persons to book meetings with parents of all children who fall into this category approximately 2 months after they start with us.

Morning School Leavers Reports

Please note - there is no formal Parents Evening for morning children this term. Reports will be given to parents during the last few weeks of term.



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

Letters, Important Notices & Reports

Please can any parent/carer who wishes to receive a second copy of any correspondence for a parent/carer living outside the family home please see Jen or Emma.

If you wish such correspondence to be posted out or emailed please have the address and post code available.



Looking forward to enjoying the Summer term here at Little Lambs
Working together for the best for our children.

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