

Newsletter - September 2020

We would like to welcome you to our September newsletter.

A lot has changed around here in the last few months, the pandemic has redefined the way we work and how we live our lives. While the spread of COVID-19 brings loss, fear and uncertainty, it also reminds us that some of the most treasurable aspects of our lives are also the most fundamental elements: family & friends, nature and good health.

Little Lionhearts Nursery School staff and management team value our parent partnership relationships. Our door is always open, should you need an update on your child's development or general enquiries. We are more than happy to help and offer support.

We are pleased to inform our parents that our nursery school is now returning to normal, moreover, we have made a few improvements since July. We hope you will enjoy reading this month's newsletter and we look forward to seeing you and your child soon in the new term.

New Reception Space

We have completed the building work to refurbish the nursery school's main reception. Now parents can enjoy our bright and secure reception space when picking up and dropping off your child.



Adhering to our safeguarding policy, we kindly ask parents not to hold open entrance doors to the nursery. The nursery has now adapted access security on both the main and inner entrance doors, please do not under any circumstances hold the doors open or open the door to anyone you do not recognise. Little Lionhearts Nursery School would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nursery Management Team



Nursery Manager - Frankiie Joseph

Hi everyone, my name is Frankiie. I am the nursery manager and I have been in childcare for 12 years. I absolutely adore children and take pride in providing a homely, nurturing environment where children feel emotionally and physically safe. I have a Ba Hons Degree in Early Childhood Studies and also hold an English Qualified Teacher status.

I am passionate about my role in supporting children and families, and have the utmost regard for children's safeguarding and wellbeing. I believe every child is a unique child; therefore all children's individual needs and abilities should be supported and valued to ensure they reach their full potential.

'A good start is the best start!'

Covid-19 Update

We are keeping to the government's latest guidelines to keep our children safe. While you can be assured that every care has been taken by the nursery school management and staff, we would also like to ask our parents to help us by doing the following:

- ★ Do not travel to Covid-19 restricted areas, if you or your child has traveled to any government restricted areas, we would ask you to not bring your child to the nursery school for 7 days.
- ★ Follow government's advice on international travel and quarantine guidelines.
- ★ Always use the hand sanitizers provided at the nursery school's reception, supporting us in daily temperature checks.

Phones and Camera

We kindly ask parents to adhere to our phones and cameras policy whilst in the yellow and red zone of the nursery.



In the **yellow zone (hallway, garden, etc.)**, we ask you to put away your phone either in your pockets or your handbag. Please do not answer calls or use your phone in this area.

In the **red zone (children's rooms)**, phones and cameras will need to be left at a secure place.



Moreover, please note smoking is prohibited on all nursery premises including the exterior.

Friendly Reminders

- ★ Please remember to pack a sufficient amount of labelled spare clothes and place them in your child's cubby hole
- ★ Please bring a labelled bag for your child's dirty clothes
- ★ Your childcare Invoice is generated on 15th of each month, Direct Debit payment will be taken on the 25th. If you have any questions about your invoice please contact us before 25th.

Settling In

You can now download Little Lionhearts Nursery School settling in sheet from our website:

<https://littlelionhearts.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Settling-In-at-Little-Lionhearts-Nursery-School-Letter.pdf>

Dates for Your Diary

Half Term - 26th October 2020 - 30th October 2020

August Highlights

This month the children explored:



Under 2's

Personal Social Emotional Development – Encouraging babies to brush their teeth after meal times

Communication and Language – Using puppets at circle time to encourage babies' linguistics

Expressive Arts and Designs – Mark marking with paint, fruits and vegetables

Physical – Music and movement with sensory bottles, mats and mood music outdoors

Understanding the world – Encouraging babies to water our tomato and herb plants

Over 2's

Personal Social Emotional Development – Encouraging children to brush their teeth after meal times

Literacy – Practice sounding out the letters of our names and writing them in sand using pencils or sticks found in the garden

Maths – Looking at various familiar shapes within our indoor and outdoor environment as well as counting how many friends we have at nursery daily.

Physical – Enhancing our gross motor skills by creating outdoor obstacle courses and engaging in yoga with mats and mood music.

Expressive Arts and Designs – Making sensory bottles and shakers for the babies

Understanding the world – Encouraging children to plant flower seeds

Science and investigation – Learning about chemical reactions, Children made a volcanic eruption using baking soda, vinegar and food colouring

New Autumn Menu

We are committed to the healthy growth of your child. This is why we have recruited specialised early years nutritionists to develop a well formulated healthy diet great for your children's growing needs.

You can now download our school menu from our website:

<https://littlelionhearts.com/healthy-growth/>

Late fees

In order to maintain proper staffing ratios required for caring of our children, the nursery will charge £1 per minute for late collection of your child. If you are expecting to be late, please contact the nursery immediately. Our full policy for late collection can be made available upon request.