



# The Little Lighthouse Nursery • Newsletter



I can hardly believe we have just marked the **one year** anniversary of The Little Lighthouse Nursery! What a year it has been. The graduation we had for the children was a lovely little reminder of just how much the children have achieved. We continue to hear positive reports about 'big school' and are so very proud of each

and everyone of them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.



We have received so much positive feedback regarding the new Family App. We are so happy that we now have a way of capturing moments that you are able to now be part of. We would like for you to be aware of a few logistics regarding this. We will always post morning and afternoon snacks on this app and will post a few photos on News Feed which

may or may not feature your child but will still give you a very good idea of what they might have been up to. The aim is for each parent to receive a personalised write up of what their child has been up to once a week. Your child's primary key worker will be responsible for doing this. We are so glad that the pictures can now serve as a point of conversation with your child. Please feel free to update information where needed. You may also record any absences on the app.



The children will be starting their football sessions with Freddy this coming Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This will operate fortnightly at a discounted cost of £4.25. Please make funds payable to the nursery account on the first of each month in advance. The first payment of £8.50 is therefore due. Please note that payment is still required in the event of nursery absence.



As discussed with the parents that opted for parents evening, we are introducing teeth brushing at the nursery. We know that children will either be enthusiastic about brushing their teeth or the complete opposite. We feel this is a good opportunity to talk to the children about oral health, reinforce the skills of teeth brushing that you have already instilled, and we are really hoping to be able to have a dentist or oral hygienist come into the nursery to speak to the children. Fingers crossed as they are really very busy!

Please note that water bottles should also only have water in them. This is so that we are in line with the healthy nursery ethos. It is also to enable us to conform with guidelines

concerning this. If your child is not too keen with drinking water, please do not worry as the children also have milk at the nursery to ensure adequate hydration.

The topic for all of the Autumn term is: All About Me & People Who Help Us. In light of this we are asking parents to send in photos of people in your family. We will then merge all photos together to create a nursery book which will remain in our library area. Children can therefore access it when ever they would like to and talk about their family members with each other. We are also working on inviting the Fire Service, Paramedics and police as we did last year so stay tuned! We have a few other ideas we are working on and if successful we will update you in due course.



We continue to encourage you to read with your child every day. Books will be changed on Tuesdays. Please ensure that you bring your child's bookbag so that they do not miss out on a book change. We are currently screening children's progress. Please note that tins will be updated to reflect your child's current targets. The tins will be updated by your child's key worker soon. If you feel your child has learnt the contents of the tin, please feel free to prompt your child's key worker. We want to ensure we are all on the same page concerning your child's learning and sometimes they might show more of what they know at home rather than nursery or vice versa. Therefore, it is a collaborative effort. Phonics sounds and tricky words are included in tins. If you would

like a reminder of how each sound is pronounced please see the following:

[Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

We are still signed up to Oxford Owl which has a fantastic collection of phonics books that you can read with your child alongside the books given at the nursery. Please click on the following link to the *students login* homepage: [Login \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](#) and the username and password are as follows:

**Username:** thelittlighthouse

**Password:** littlelights2023

### Nursery Updates:

Meg has been with us since the beginning but will now be moving on to ventures new. As many of you know she will also be getting married soon and so we wish her all the very best with her future endeavours. Next week will be her last week at The Little Lighthouse Nursery. We have been interviewing and feel we are very close to getting the perfect people, but until that time we have the lovely Gillie and Aisha to facilitate when needed. We shall keep you up-to-date with the recruitment process.



As the weather becomes colder, please kindly ensure your child has the appropriate clothing as the children will continue to access the outdoors in all weathers. Wellies and wet suites can be kept at the nursery if preferred. Please also be mindful that children will be exploring the outdoors which may be a bit muddy

### Opening Times:

Just a little reminder, especially for breakfast club early starts, that we will always open up a

little earlier where we can but as the nursery is set up on almost a daily basis, arriving ten or five minutes earlier is the difference between finishing off setting up an area in the nursery, or having a ten-minute break from setting up. If we do not open up after you have rang the doorbell it might just be because we are not quite ready, sorry. But we will always try our best to open up on time. Thank you for your understanding with regards to this.

Please remember that we are a **NO NUTS** nursery. Mobile phones are also prohibited if you are coming into the nursery for safeguarding reasons. Recordings and photos are therefore not permitted. We are happy that so many of you put your phones away and are good at greeting your children at the end of the day. They are usually buzzing to see you and tell you all about their day.

**Holiday Dates:** We are closed for all bank holidays & polling days)

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**Christmas Holidays: 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)**

**Children return 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Non-Term time only)**

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**New Years Day January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**Children return: January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 (Non-Term Time Only)**

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**Easter Holidays: 2<sup>nd</sup> April-8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Good Friday**

**1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Monday**

**Children return on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Non-Term Time Only)**