



The Little Lighthouse Nursery • Newsletter

...and just like that, it's Autumn again! We are so pleased with our Reception cohort that have left us for big school. I am already hearing some lovely reports and we are so proud of them.

School Applications



Please do not forget that it is now time to apply for your child's school space. This is applicable for children that were four before the 31st of August 2024. Applications close on the 15th of January 2025. If you require assistance with the application process please let us know.

30 Free Hours Applications

If your child turned three this term, you will need to apply for your 30 free hours code now, ready for January 2025. Please note that if you do not apply on time, you will not be able to claim the 30 free hours for next term, and will have to wait for the subsequent term.

Invoices

Please remember that your invoice will reflect a slight increase to reflect the new prices per hour as mentioned in the last newsletter. The monthly charge for football will also be added to the invoice.

Football

This will continue to be on a Tuesday fortnightly @ 10am. It has been lovely to witness the children's progression in football and it continues to be a well loved session.



Cricket

We will now be doing Cricket on a Monday fortnightly. This will be delivered by Michael from Evolution Cricket. There will be no extra charge for this.

Violin

Anne is currently liaising with ESCA regarding a day to provide lessons at the school. Once this has been confirmed we will be able to pick up on the violin sessions again, which we are all looking forward to. We are hoping this will remain on a Wednesday but this could change depending on ESCA's music timetable.

Monday's

We are now opening up Monday's fortnightly 9am-9:30am for parents to come into the nursery and play, read a book or do an activity with their child. Before you leave you will be invited to take part in our morning **Wake Up Shake Up** and **Shake Your Sillies Out** routine. We will start this week beginning 30th of September.

Wellbeing Wednesdays

As a nursery there is a big focus on children's mental health and wellbeing. We teach children how to talk about their emotions and about healthy ways to alleviate negative feelings. In addition to this, we will now be introducing a bigger focus on this each Wednesday with specific activities.

French Friday's.

We have still maintained counting in French each morning and our days of the week, however Tonton has been on a bit of a vacation. He will be back in full swing on Friday's to teach basic French vocabulary such as, basic greetings numbers, colours, songs, etc.



Ferras Hall Care Home

We continue to visit our local care home fortnightly on a Thursday. We have a rota in place for this and we will notify you once it is your child's turn to visit. This is such a wonderful time and the care home take special care in planning fun activities for the children. The children also take an activity with them and the feedback we get from the residents are really heart warming. Comments such as "It makes our day when we see the children" just make it so worth it.

FoodBank

This is still up and running. If you could contribute a few tins for the cause it would be appreciated. It is such a lovely way to teach children to care for those less fortunate in our community.



Topic

The topic this term is **All About Me**. Some of the things we will be talking about will be our similarities and differences, the five senses, our community, people who help us, and where we live. Last year we requested that you send us some family pictures to put in our Little Lighthouse Nursery Album. If you have not managed to send pictures yet, please feel free to do so. You may send a few pictures via email or you may want to do this activity with your child on an A4 piece of card.

Oxford Owl Reading Books:

Nothing beats a physical book but just to remind you that we have the online Oxford Owl collection of phonics books that you can read with your child. Please click on the following link to the *students login* homepage: [Login \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](https://login.oxfordowl.co.uk) The username and password are as follows:

Username:thelittlelighthouse

Password:littlelights2023

Weather Advisory:

As we head on into the autumn/winter months please kindly ensure your child has the appropriate clothing. Children will continue to access the outdoors in all weathers. Wellie boots can be kept here at the nursery, but please remember to label everything.

No Juice Please

Please note that water bottles should be labelled and should only contain water, as we are a healthy nursery.

Mobile Phones are Prohibited.



Please **do not** come into nursery with phones so that we can be consistent with safeguarding.

Parking:

Please remember that although there are no parking restrictions for parking on the verge, it really upsets the neighbours when parents park there. Please kindly use the car park available.

Email:

Please note the new nursery email is:

e.ngwa-akuro@thelittlelighthouse.nursery.com

Please use this for future correspondence.

Documents:

If your child has sustained an injury at home or is on prescribed medication, please could we kindly ask that you access the nursery website under the ***Parent's Portal*** tab and complete the 'Existing Injuries' or 'Medication' form. This can be sent in via email beforehand or printed out and handed to the member of staff at the door.

Lunches:

Please ensure that lunches are healthy. Please see the following link for some inspiration. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families) We are also a **no nuts/peanuts** nursery. Please ensure grapes are cut in half.



Dates for the Diary:

Police Visit: Thursday 10th of October at 10am

(All children are welcome to come to this session even if it is not your nursery day. For the children that do not usually attend on Mondays a parent is required to stay with their child to help us maintain ratios).



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Performance:

Friday 4th of September 2024

Parents Evening: December (date TBC)

Please note that you will be receiving an end of year report for your child in the next few days. You will also be receiving your child's targets so that you know your child's next steps for their areas of learning.