



## 1<sup>ST</sup> half Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Little Fingers. As we begin the Autumn term we are excited about the year ahead and keep our fingers and toes crossed that this current sense of normality continues.

We would like to welcome Elspeth, Lexie, Archie, George, Marina, Lara, Tommy, Charlie and their families to Little Fingers. We hope you have a wonderful start to your early years' education, during your time with us.

### Book Bears Library!

I would like to introduce 'Bromley book bear' and 'Sir Sid story'. We are very excited about our two new arrivals who are here to help build a love of books and stories. Reading frequently to your child, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, will give them the opportunity to thrive in their Communication and Language development. Your child's development in spoken language underpins all seven areas of their development. The bears will come in their own backpack, have different books each week and a diary to record your child's story experience. The bears are to give children an opportunity to take ownership of their love of books, share stories at home and to provide a fun way to share learning at home at pre-school. Please do ask if you would particularly like a bear for a specific date - maybe to tie in with a grandparent visit? Alternatively, we will send the bear's home with each of the children. We would really appreciate any feedback you have about our new book bears.



### Topics to ignite interests!



### Amazing Autumn!

This term we will be looking at what wonderful Autumn brings and how it looks. The children will be looking at colour and exploring how it can be changed; How the environment changes; What is harvest? The vehicles used for harvest and exploring nature on our woodland walks.

#### Home learning:

- As a family take an 'Amazing Autumn' walk. On your walk talk about how the environment is changing.
- Provide your child with a bag to collect interesting things which can be brought into pre-school for our Autumn display.
- Upload photos of your walk to Tapestry, so your child can share their experience at the pre-school.

In line with our 'Teaching and Planning in the moment, learning through play and the child at the centre of learning, pedagogy, children's individual interests and developmental needs are at the forefront of our daily teaching and planning. Our 'topics to ignite interests' are to ensure that children are given opportunities to learn about the world in which they live and have the chance to explore, learn and experience new things.

## Outside Play, Weather Policy

Now Autumn is here, we ask that your



child/ren have appropriate clothing and footwear, as we have an all year round outside play ethos.



We have waterproof all-in-ones at the pre-school so just a warm coat and some

wellies would be perfect.

## Paint, Paint and more Paint!



It has come to our attention that our current paint doesn't seem to wash off clothes very well and clothing is getting stained. We

have therefore changed our paint suppliers to a brand who claim their paint is 'extremely washable'.



Please accept our sincere apologies.

We do have painting aprons and available at the pre-school that the children are encouraged to wear but often younger children don't like wearing them and we feel the painting experience outweighs the apron battle.

## Tapestry

I hope you have all managed to activate your accounts. If you are having any trouble please do let me know. Please add to your child's online learning journey, as learning at home is a huge part of children's development, that we would love to see.

## Keep that smile bright!

In line with the changes to the Early Years

Statutory requirements we are tweaking how we

encourage and promote children's oral health, starting with healthy lunch time choices. Could we please request that chocolate, sweets, fizzy drinks, juice or raisins are not part of your child's/rens lunch boxes.



It may come as a bit of a surprise but as raisins are quite sticky they tend to get stuck in children's teeth, and as they are high in sugar this can lead to tooth decay.

We are also asking that if your child/ren stay for lunch that they have a tooth brush and tooth paste in their lunch box. After lunch we will be encouraging the children to brush their own teeth.

## Diary Dates:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 7:00 PM**

How planning, observation and assessments look at Little Fingers and changes to the EYFS.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5-6:30 PM**

2 yr old progress review (2 yr old check)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 5-7:30 PM**

3 and 4 yr old progress review

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 8:00 PM**

Little Fingers AGM at the George Inn.