

## Newsletter July 2020- End of Term

### School Leavers

Wow! I cannot believe it is that time of year already. We are so sad that we have not been able to give our school leavers the proper send off that they deserve but we have been working hard to ensure they have something to remember us by. As the guidance states that we cannot send art work or paperwork home right now we will be holding on to their leavers gifts for a few weeks in 'quarantine' and will send them out over the summer holidays.

We hope you have all had an opportunity to read your child's end of nursery report. Again due to the current restrictions we felt it was easiest to give parents access to a digital copy. This means that it is parents responsibility to ensure it is downloaded and a copy is passed to your child's class teacher. We have been busy having phone conversations with schools but the report will give them a much more detailed insight into your child's strengths and next steps.

The Learning Journals are also available to download. Tapestry only keep these available to download for a few weeks. These are a collection of photos and observations taken by the teachers during the last year of nursery. Please ensure you download these and keep them as a momento. A lot of work goes into all these bits and pieces and I'm sure your child will enjoy looking through it all in years to come. If your child has been with us for more than a year then they will also have a paper learning journal. These will be bagged up and kept in 'quarantine' over the summer holidays and available for you to collect in September.

To download your child's learning journal and report please use the desktop version. You will have a notification that should take you to the correct area of the website.

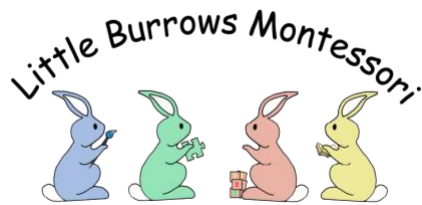
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### Questionnaire

As we near the end of term we would really appreciate parents completing our questionnaire. This contains questions about nursery life in general (pre Covid) and how the nursery has responded to the Covid-19 situation.

We would really appreciate you taking 5 mins to complete this even if your child has not returned to nursery this half term.

These questionnaires have really helped us improve our practise in the past and develop further. We totally understand if you wish to remain anonymous, however it does help us to know who the questionnaire is from. Thank you in advance.



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### **September 2020**

The DfE has now published guidance for September. The new guidance has relaxed rules around the current 'bubble' system. This means that from September we will hopefully all be back to nursery as we were before. We will continue with the high levels of cleaning and handwashing. The aim will still be to continue with as much outdoor play as possible so it will be essential that your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to allow parents into the setting unless completely necessary. We will be working on a plan over the summer to ensure that all children are able to settle quickly and easily. Please keep talking to us as what works for one child may not work for another so it is important we work together to ensure your child is happy and settled at nursery as quickly as possible.

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### **Term Dates**

Term dates are available on the website and attached to this newsletter.

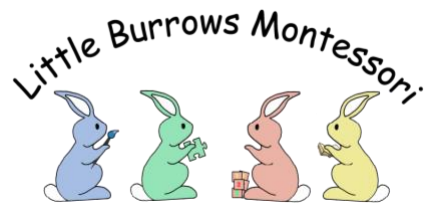
If your child is a new starter at nursery, then you will receive a welcome pack and your child's individual start date and time separately in August. We always ensure new starters are spread out so that they get the time and support they need to settle into nursery life. Due to the current Covid-19 situation we are aware some children may find settling a bit more challenging. Our focus is on ensuring the children feel safe and happy at nursery so please work with us to ensure we do what is best for your child.

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### **Our Little Burrows Teachers**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our teachers at Little Burrows Montessori. It has been a challenging and weird year but they have all shown an amazing team spirit. I am so proud to have such a fantastic bunch of girls working with me to ensure our children have the most amazing start to their education. They genuinely care deeply about each child and want the best for all of them. We are one big family and so thankful for their support.

Love you all and thank you girls!!!



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### Our Little Burrows Families

Well what can I say about all you guys. The supportive messages and phone calls we have received during this challenging time have been overwhelming. Like many of you the stress has been something we have never felt before but the support we have had has made this all worthwhile. The children have shown huge resilience and those that have come back to nursery have bounded in surprising us all with their confidence.

This period of time has been hard for everyone but having young children at home whilst on lockdown is particularly hard. Many of you have also had to work long hours too which is almost impossible. You have all done amazingly. I'm sure there were times when parental guilt got the better of you but you all have amazing, healthy and happy children and at the end of the day that is all that matters.

Thank you for being part of our Little Burrows Family. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you back next year whether that be with our current children or with siblings.

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### Presents and Cards

Thank you so much for all the presents and cards we have received. We never expect anything but we are truly grateful.

Have a fantastic summer everyone and fingers crossed we get some good weather!!!

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### **Contact Us**

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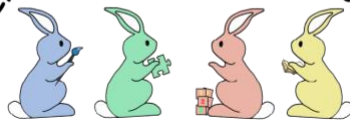
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Please ring the **nursery phone** by 9.30am if your child is absent. If the phone is busy then please leave a text. Thank you for your support.

# Little Burrows Montessori



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### Term Dates and Show and Tell 2020/2021

<u>Autumn 1 2020</u>		<u>Show and Tell</u>
Week 1	7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	s/ blue
Week 2	14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	a/ yellow
Week 3	21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	t/ pink
Week 4	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	p/ orange
Week 5	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	i/ purple
Week 6	12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	n/ black
Week 7	19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	m/ white
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	
<u>Autumn 2 2020</u>		
Week 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	d/ grey
Week 2	9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	g/ red
Week 3	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	o/ blue
Week 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	ck/ green
Week 5	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov- 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	e/ yellow
Week 6	7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	u/ pink
Week 7	14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	r/ orange
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	
<u>Spring 1 2021</u>		
Week 1	4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	h/ purple
Week 2	11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	b/ black
Week 3	18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	f/ white
Week 4	25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	l/ grey
Week 5	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	s/ red
Week 6	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Natural
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	
<u>Spring 2 2021</u>		
Week 1	22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Metal
Week 2	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> March	Plastic
Week 3	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> March	Material
Week 4	15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rough
Week 5	22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> March	Smooth
Week 6	29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> March	Fluffy
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>1st-16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<u>Summer 1 2021</u>		
Week 1	19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Fuzzy
Week 2	26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April	Bumpy
Week 3	4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> May ( <b>May Bank Holiday</b> )	Flexible
Week 4	10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May	s/ red
Week 5	17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> May	a/ blue



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Week 6	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> May	t/ yellow
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b><u>Summer 2 2021</u></b>		
Week 1	7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June	i/ green
Week 2	14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> June	n/ pink
Week 3	21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June	m/ grey
Week 4	28 <sup>th</sup> June-2 <sup>nd</sup> July	d/ black
Week 5	5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> July	g/ white
Week 6	12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Something I like
Week 7	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> July	Something I like

We are open 38 weeks per year.  
 These dates may be subject to change.

***We do show and tell each day in nursery. The children are welcome to bring one thing in to talk about. Please ensure that the item they choose is linked to the letter/ colour or material for that week. All items should be placed in the show and tell box and arrival and named where possible.***