



### **Welcome**

Wecome to our new children and families. We look forward to getting to know you. We also welcome three fantastic new staff, Jo Morris. Hayley Woods and Paulina Carr who will be working with us for the Summer Term.

### **Found materials**

Thank you so much for all of the interesting boxes which you have been bringing in which the children have been enjoying exploring and making into models. Please keep the flow of any found objects you no longer need at home including boxes, lids, tubes and any random objects which you think we may be able to use. It is a great way to recycle anything you may have and there is no end to what a 2, 3 or 4 year old may find interesting or will spark their curiosity ! At Lark Hill Nursery school the children never mass produce identical cards etc as we want to promote the children's own ideas and creativity so surprising objects help the children make their own combinations and develop their thinking.

### **Vision statement**

Our Governors have been discussing a statement which sums up our aims for the Nursery. We have a draft agreed of

“A caring community of curious learners.”

What do you think? Chat to or email Jo on [headteacher@larkhill-nur.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@larkhill-nur.stockport.sch.uk) if you have any suggestions to add or changes to it.

### **New website**

We are currently looking at a redesign of our website. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

### **Gardening**

Jo attended a RHS Gardening Course and the children will shortly be planting beans, tomatoes etc and much more in our new raised bed at Nursery soon.

## Safeguarding

We have been thinking about the content of a **Child Friendly Version of our Child Protection Policy**. These are the messages we would like the children to understand. What do you think? Let us know your thoughts.

### **What is Child Protection about?**

All of the adults around the children at Nursery think that health, safety and welfare are very important.

In our Nursery , we respect our children and help to protect their rights.

We do our best to help children make good educational progress.

We teach children how to recognise risks in different situations, and how to protect themselves and stay safe.

### **How will we try to protect children?**

We try to provide a safe environment for children to learn in;

We want to help to ensure that children remain safe, at home as well as at school;

We think it is important for our children to know where to get help if they are worried or unhappy about something.

### **Please encourage your children to tell us if:**

Someone is hurting them by;

Saying funny things that they do not like or upsets them;

Touching them on their body ;

Hitting or hurting them;

### **If your child needs to talk – we will listen!**

They can talk to any adult in school - if they need to.

It is Jo O’Raw and Cath Evan’s special job to keep our children safe – please encourage them to talk to us if they are worried.



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We want to make sure the children develop safe habits online. These websites might be useful for you at home.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

## **School Fund**

As our Nursery budget is becoming tighter each year our School Fund is really important for us as it helps us buy ingredients to make birthday cakes, birthday presents and to pay for lovely visitors to the Nursery such as Zoo lab. We would really appreciate any donations you can make. You can pop any pennies into our post box at reception or pay directly into our Nursery bank account with School Fund as the reference.

Here are our bank account details

Lark Hill Nursery School    Sort code 30-98-12    Account number 01582443

Many thanks for all of your support

## **Defibrillator**

We are aiming to raise money jointly with Lark Hill Primary School for a site defibrillator. It will cost £1000 so we will be in touch soon with details of fundraising events to support this.

## **Census**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May we have to complete a census to let the Council and Government know how many children we have registered with us. Please let us know (if you have not already) if either parents are in the armed forces or if your child is adopted as we have to include this information.

We also have a small number of places left so if you know any young children who do not have a Nursery place let please let them know about our lovely Nursery !

### **Dates for your diary**

- We finish for the Whitsun holiday on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**
  - Nursery reopens on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**
- Your child can come to Nursery dressed up in their pyjamas on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** as part of **Pyjamarama**.  
Make a donation to help the BookTrust give every child a bedtime story.



### **Zoo Lab**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Join your child to meet the small animals and creatures. We will let you know your child's allocated slot. We would appreciate any donations to help us offer this event.

If your child is not at Nursery that day talk to us and arrange to come to a slot

### **Family Picnic at Nursery**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July between 1:45pm-2:45pm**

On our last day of the Summer term everyone is welcome to join us for a picnic. Join us for snacks and music to dance to in our garden (or inside if the weather is not kind !)

## Term dates 2019-20

Inset days – the nursery is closed on these days for staff training:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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**Autumn term 2019 part 1:      Tues 3 Sept to Fri 18 Oct**

Half term hol:                      Mon 21 Oct to Fri 25 Oct

**Autumn term 2019 part 2:      Mon 28 October to Fri 20 Dec**

Christmas break                      Mon 23 Dec to Fri 4 Jan 18

**Spring term 2020 part 1:        Mon 6 Jan to Thur 13 Feb**

Half term hol:                      Mon 17 Feb to Fri 21 Feb

**Spring 2020 part 2:              Mon 24 Feb to Fri 3 April**

Spring break:                      Mon 6 April to Fri 17 April

**Summer term 2020 part 1:      Mon 20 Apr to Fri 22 May**

\*\*\* Please note we are closed on May Day bank holiday: Mon 4 May \*\*\*

Half term hol:                      Mon 25 May to Fri 5 Jun

**Summer term 2019 part 2:      Mon 8 Jun to Fri 24 Jul**