



**Lickhill Road
Newsletter,
January 2017**

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some time with your families!

We welcome to our new friends to Lickhill Road

This month we welcome lots of new babies and children. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and hope that you settle well!

Welcome to their parents too. If you have any questions please just ask your child's Key Person or Tracey.

Rachel will be moving up to the Pre-school with the children from her room, this will offer them some continuity and support a smoother transition for the group! As Alex and Alice move away we welcome Zoe and Gillian who join the Toddler room.

Story and Rhyme of the Month

The story in the Poppies room will be 'Market Day' The babies have been showing an interest in animals and this book encourages younger children to begin to make and copy animal noises.

They will be singing 'Old McDonald had a farm' which is one of their favourite nursery rhymes and also supports their learning.

The Tulips room will be focusing on turn taking; their book is 'Mine!' by Rachel Bright

The song will be '10 in the bed!' which is great fun, especially when you act it out!

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Half Term Dates

Our last day of term will be Friday 12th February. We have one week off and return Monday 22nd February 2017.

Nursery sessions

May we remind you of the importance of dropping off and collecting your child on time, we must ensure our ratios are maintained at all times.

Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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Outdoor Clothing

It's the time for hats, gloves and warm coats. We go out in all weathers. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoors!

★ **Happy Birthday!!!** ★

Joanna 03.01.14
Maisie & Ollie 06.01.14
Jasmine 17.01.15
Logan 21.01.14
Amy 25.01.15

We are still collecting – help please!

We are collecting the following items:

- Cereal boxes
- Nests of boxes or tins
- Gift bags
- Wide necked plastic bottles
- Jar lids
- Ribbons
- Colanders
- Coasters
- Wallets or purses
- Woollen pompoms
- Lengths of fabric – silk or lace
- Bunches or single keys
- Flower pots

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year during the week of 23rd January; it is the year of the Rooster.

'Kung Hei Fat Choy'

新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year

We have been busy reviewing all of our policies and procedures, very shortly they will be added to the website for you to view and refer to.

May we politely remind you invoices are due in advance at the beginning of each month.

Homemade play dough

- 1 cup of flour (whatever kind you have on hand)
- ¼ cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- 3 to 5 drops of natural food colouring

Step 1: Mix together the flour and the salt.

Step 2: Mix together ½ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring.

Step 3: Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all.

Most children love to get involved in sensory play and it is so beneficial. They'll enjoy playing with the homemade play dough, especially if you join in too, but they'll want a few toys to play with, especially those that make marks.

Some of the things we give the children to use with their play dough are:

- Kitchen utensils
- Rolling pins
- Cookie cutters
- Mason jar rings
- Biscuit cutters