



# Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Ltd

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## Newsletter July 2016

Welcome to our July newsletter. This month we have been saying goodbye to all our leavers and celebrating their time with us. Our party was great, and it was lovely although upsetting to say farewell to all our families.

### Planning

During the month of July, we have been looking at people in our community. We have had a couple of visits from parents who were very kind to come in and talk to us about what they do at work. The children have also been continuing to look at the building of the church hall and how it is progressing. They have all been very interested in the vehicles and the men working.

### Staff news

Jessie has been chosen to join a training camp for England's under 17's girls football team. This means she will go away for 3 weeks to prepare for the world cup and hopefully be one of the ones to get picked to play. We want to wish Jessie all the best and hope she comes back successful. We will be supporting her all the way!

### School leavers

We would like to say good luck to all our families who will be leaving us to move on to school. It has been a pleasure to have you all here and we wish you all the best. Thank you all for the kind presents and cards that we have received.

### Lynx from Dartmoor zoo

We would like to thank all parents for being patient and understanding during the time of the lynx escaping from the zoo. As you all know we had to stay on lockdown for a few days and both children and staff were amazing during this. The lynx is now back at the zoo where it is settling back in.

### Sparkwell Fayre

A few members of staff attended Sparkwell Country Fayre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We sat doing face painting and selling fruit kebabs. It was a very successful day for all who attended and luckily the rain held off. We had an enjoyable time being part of the community.

### Safety notices

Please could all parents make sure that the two gates to our nursery are shut and bolted as this is a security measure that has to be in place for the safety of the children. As well as this we also ask if the main gate to the road is ever open please can this one be shut as we do sometimes go out onto the playground with groups to see the diggers or for fire drills.

### Late collection and early arrivals.

Please can we remind all parents that the nursery is open at 08:00 and shuts at 18:00. Sessions that start at 08:00, 09:00, 12:00 or 13:00 require children to be dropped off on time and not earlier unless you have a prior agreement due to our strict staff to child ratios.



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## **Water bottles**

Please as another reminder, the weather is very hot on some days, can parents ensure that all children come into nursery with a named bottle of water, a sun hat and sun cream if they use their own. If they do not have a hat they will not be able to go outside.

## **2gether funding**

Any parents who may think they are eligible for 15 hours funding a week for their 2 year old child please look at the link to see if you can get this.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/childcare/golden-tickets>  
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## **Transitions and keyworkers**

During the holidays and throughout the year children move areas and possibly keyworkers, when we look at keyworkers we take into account the person they have formed a bond with and when they are in to suit who they will see. This will mean that children may have new keyworkers from September whether this is because they have moved up in age or have changed sessions. If your child has a new keyworker you will be told by a member of staff. Any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to speak to either Laura or Rachael.

## **And finally**

As always; if you have any queries, or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to any staff member. We operate a strict "open door" policy, and will strive to work in partnership with you to provide the best service for your individual child.

Kind regards,  
The Little Orchard Montessori Team

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**End of term: 15/06/16**

**Autumn Term: 5<sup>th</sup> September-16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

**Half term: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Spring term: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017-31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Half term: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Summer term: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017-21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

**Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Bank holidays: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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**We're different... because every child is different**