



# Little Orchard Montessori Nurseries Ltd

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## Newsletter July 2016

Welcome to our July newsletter.

### Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new families and children, Poppy, Harry, Sophie and Libby. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Little Orchard nursery!

### Planning

During the month of July our topic has been 'Back to nature' and 'mud' with some fantastic clay pigs being handmade by our three year olds and the introduction of our 'season chart' to circle times. The children have also worked together to set up an indoor terrarium, exploring different plants from around the world that we can use our different senses to discover. In August our topic will be 'Summer holidays' and 'Sea animals'.

### Staff news

Hannah has begun working through her NVQ level 4 in business and administration now and, all being well, will complete in the next year to 18 months.

Both Hannah and Gail have completed training on recognizing and preventing FGM, an online course recently provided to raise awareness in Early Years and Educational settings.

Hannah and Gail have holiday dates booked over the summer so we will be joined by Hannah Dalby to cover as needed. Hannah is one of the deputy manager's over at Little Orchard Montessori nursery - Woodlands and the breakfast / after-school group leader.

### Garden area

As many of you will have seen, there has been progress on the construction of our garden area! Although we are still awaiting some pieces to arrive, it's great to see it coming together and the children have had lots of ideas of what they would like to see in their nursery garden.

### Facebook page

Our Facebook is up and going well, we have had lots of interest and people have commented on how lovely all of the settings look. Please have a look and like and share the page.



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## Extra Sessions

We have recently had an influx of parents requesting extra sessions. Please note that we do not 'swap' sessions but if we have availability you are welcome to book extra sessions. We require eight weeks' notice period whether this is to terminate a place or to decrease sessions, if we are given eight weeks' notice for holiday periods you will only be charged half price fees and there are no restrictions to the number of holidays you can take.

## 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On!' (sometimes!)

With the weather being ever-changing at the moment can we please ask that parents come prepared as we would still like to get outside whatever the weather may have instore for us!

## New children

With the start of a new academic year on the horizon, there will be new children joining us and having settling in sessions in the coming weeks. We at Little Orchard are very much looking forward meeting them!

## 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

**Term Dates 2016 (EYE Children and 2gether funded children)**

**Spring Term 04/01/16 - 24/03/16**

**Half term 15-19/02/16**

**Summer Term 11/04/16-15/07/16**

**May day Bank holiday closure 02/05/16**

**Half term 30/05/16-03/06/16**