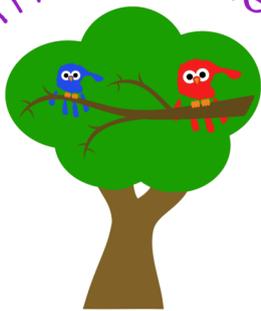


Little Learners



Newsletter

July 2020

Learning together, having fun!

Unprecedented times...exceptional circumstances...I think these words reflect the very strange period that we have all faced since lockdown and schools and nurseries closed to most children on 23rd March 2020. My sincere thanks must go to the staff for all of their hard work, professionalism and dedication in rising to the challenges that the past few months have brought. I am very proud to lead such an amazing staff team!

As you are aware, we stayed open to children of keyworkers and vulnerable children throughout lockdown. It was a different season but we had lots of fun with those still in nursery and worked hard to ensure the experience for the children was as 'normal' as possible. We have loved welcoming more and more children back since 1st June. It has been lovely to catch up on all your news and to see how the children have grown and developed over the past few months.

I am pleased to enclose analysed results of the parental survey from Spring 2020. I have also attached what we have already done or plan to do in response to your comments. Thank you for all your feedback, both via the survey and through emails or conversations. Your views are important to us and we appreciate you taking the time to help us to be the best that we can be to ensure we deliver the highest quality of care and early education to your children.

Thank you

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors, I would also like to thank Ali Brown, who is stepping down from her role as governor, which she has done for over 6 years. Thank you Ali for all your hard work and commitment and for championing Greenhall and Little Learners!

Sarah (babies room) has been in Little Learners since we first started and has been instrumental in its development and helping many children to settle into Nursery life. Sarah will be moving back to Greenhall from September 2020 but she will always be on hand if needed!

I will be going on adoption leave in September 2020 but am delighted that Rebecca Bell will be Acting Head in my absence, ably supported by Natalie as Assistant Head. It is exciting times for Greenhall and Little Learners as we enter a new phase ahead!

Welcome

We are excited to be growing our staff team over the next few weeks and months. We look forward to be welcoming Sian and Becky to join the team. Both of these have a wealth and breadth of childcare experience.

From 20th July 2020

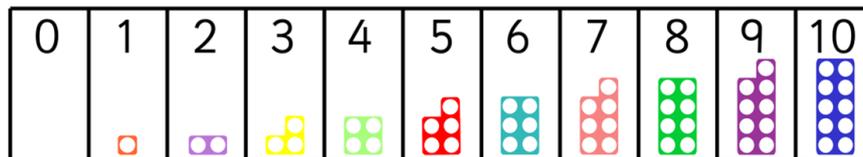
Greenhall reception staff will be taking a well-earned break over the summer holidays so it may take us a little longer to answer the phone than usual. However, we have a phone that will receive external calls in an area close to the children and a doorbell that we can hear across the nursery so we are confident that you will be able to contact us. If your child will not be in nursery, please phone 01785 246159 and leave a message on the answer machine.

Enjoy the summer and please remember to let us know if your child will not be in nursery as this helps us to fulfil our safeguarding procedures. We wish all of those moving on to new settings and those starting 'big school' every happiness and success. We will miss you! Keep in touch—we would love to hear how you are getting on!

Have a lovely summer everyone!

What is Numicon?

Numicon is a multi - sensory maths resource that focuses on imagery, action and conversation. Numicon uses a series of structured patterns - Numicon shapes - to represent numbers as part of a progressive Mathematics teaching programme.





Little Learners Team

As you are aware, we have new staff joining our team. We thought you might like to see some photos so that you can put a face to a name!



Jo

Headteacher & Manager



Rebecca

Acting Headteacher & Acting Manager



Natalie

Assistant Head & Deputy
Manager



Katie

Room Lead



Sian

Room Lead



Bernie

Room Lead



Lynsey

Nursery Staff



Sharon

Casual Staff



Dawn

Nursery Staff



Lauren

Nursery Staff



Renae

Nursery Staff



Steph

Nursery Staff



Becky

Nursery Staff

Staff development

Since January, staff have taken part in a range of professional development opportunities. All toddler and pre-school staff have undertaken training in Numicon, Letters and Sounds, and Read, Write, Inc.

All staff have undertaken training in attachment, the learning environment, PODD, Makaton, Supporting Language and Communication development and the Language Screening Tool and SEND in the Early Years.

Concerned about a child in Staffordshire?

Phone First Response on [0800 1313 126](tel:08001313126)

Early Communication Screening Tool

Jo has been using the early language screening tool with all of our children from the age of two. This screening will be repeated later in the year.

The screening tool is very simple to use with the children and will enable us to early-identify and monitor any communication needs the children may have and liaise with relevant professionals in order to support these.

Christmas 2020

Please note that we will be closed on the following dates;

Thursday 24th December 2020 until Sunday 3rd January 2021

Term Time Children - Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

First day back - Monday 7th September 2020

Half term: Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Term ends: Friday 18 December

Holiday: Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2021

Inset day: Monday 4 January (students are not in school)

Term starts: Tuesday 5 January

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

Term ends: Thursday 1 April

Holiday: Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April

Summer Term 2021

Term starts: Monday 19 April

May Day: Monday 3 May

Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Term ends: Tuesday 20 July

Inset day: Wednesday 21st July (students are not in school)

Holiday: Wednesday 22 July - Tuesday 31 August