

# Newsletter – September 2023

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Claire and I am taking over the role of Manager at both our Nursery and Preschool site. I began my journey at Little Bo Peep in 2007 working along side some of the current staff in nursery. I then took a short break between 2014 and 2018 before coming back to take over the deputy role in Preschool. During covid I became manager and I have loved watching our setting grow and improve over the last few years. I'm sure you will all agree Sarah has been a fantastic nursery manager and I am really looking forward to working along side her to continue to develop our fabulous provision. Over the last few weeks I have spent time in each of the rooms, talking to the staff about what they would like to see or have available so we have lots of new exciting things happening which are detailed below:

### Forest School

We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic forest school leader at our preschool provision and she has agreed to bring her amazing ideas down to the Orchard room. Over the coming weeks we will be setting up the area in readiness for Forest School to begin at Nursery which is really exciting and I'm sure the children will love it as much as we do. There are so many benefits to Forest School including encouraging curiosity and independent thinking, allowing children to explore and take risks in a safe and controlled environment. Forest School will take place on a Tuesday, once we have completed the paperwork and the area is ready, I will send out the relevant consent forms in readiness to start.

### Meadows Outside Area

The staff and I are continuously looking at ways to improve our provision and enhance the learning for the children. As part of this we would like to look at the



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Meadows outside area and make it more inviting for the children. The staff have shared their thoughts and ideas on what resources they would like to see so this will be taking place over the coming weeks! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page to see all the changes taking place!

## Showcasing our rooms

The staff at nursery all take pride in knowing the children in their rooms well and are able to individualise their planning to suit the children's needs. As part of this individual planning we want to provide different experiences for the children during their time with us to enhance their learning. With this in mind the staff are going to focus on certain aspects of our curriculum which will be incorporated weekly into the children's routine.

This will be as follows:

Willows – Sensory play

**Meadows** – Chatter Matters which is a communication and language initiative **Orchards** – Yoga and Mindfulness incorporating their feelings and emotions

### Ofsted

The staff and I are over the moon with the recent Ofsted visit, as a setting we feel that it really captured our ethos and what we strive to provide for your children. The Ofsted inspector was lovely and really put the staff at ease throughout the day. The Ofsted report has now been published on their website and a copy will be available on our parent's board for you to see.

### New Lunch and Tea Menu

We have changed our lunch and tea menu in readiness for September which can be found on our website. You can also request a copy if needed.

### A few reminders

 Please continue to apply suncream to your children before sending them to nursery – With the good old British weather at the moment we never



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know whether it will be sunny or showery so it just enables the staff to take the children outside quicker!

- Tina has emailed out our new email address
   <u>enquiries@littlebopeepnursery.com</u> so if you need to contact Sarah or
   myself then please use this email address. If it is an invoice enquiry, then
   continue to use <u>tina@littlebopeepnursery.com</u>
- Please remember to sign your child in and out of nursery each day This
  is an Ofsted requirement and also we use the diary for fire drills so it is
  very important that they are correct.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and working alongside the incredible staff that we have here at nursery.

As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sarah

Kindest Regards

Claire, Sarah and the Team