

# Little Village Learners & Fun Track



## NEWSLETTER – September 2019



Welcome back to a new academic year. Hope you all had a fun packed and exciting summer enjoying the lovely weather (ahem!). A very warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Our Fun Track Holiday Club was jam-packed with fun activities this summer and we had a bumper amount of bookings from children at a variety of Calderdale schools from Todmorden to Halifax! Please make sure that your friends and family know about our Holiday Club too, even if they live a little further afield in the Calder Valley. The half-term October booking form will be available at the beginning of October.

**Start the new school year with a bit of a clothes clear out!** We are doing the **Bag 2 School** initiative again – a great fundraiser. Bags in the corridor early Oct – please take one. All the collection criteria is on the pack. Please bring your full bags back by **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** (for collection on Thur 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am) and leave in the corridor. Please use *any* extra bags if you have more items to bring in – the more bags we fill, the more we make in fundraising. If you find that you have any baby/toddler items such as underwear, socks, pants or tops that we could put in our ‘spares cupboard’, or you have any good quality soft toys for our ‘teddy tombola’ at the Autumn Fayre, then please pass those to us directly. Thanking you in advance.

### We are looking for a new Committee.

Would you be interested in having a say in how we are run and contribute towards shaping our future services? If you, or a member of your family or friends would have an interest in being involved in our fabulous setting, then please speak to Penny or Lyndsey. It’s a voluntary role, but its very rewarding and it’s a great community contribution and requires a minimum of commitment of time, but a desire to ensure we remain a successful and valuable resource for the families of our community.

**Toddler Group** is back after the summer break, on Tues from 9.15am for 2 hours. Ask for a timetable flyer and tell all your family and friends.

**Goodbye to 2 long-term staff. Claire Speak and Shannon Talbot** have left to work nearer to their homes. They have been here 14 and 4 years respectively – The staff and the children will really miss them both – good luck.

Welcome to our new apprentice **Abbie** (another one!). Abbie will mostly be working in the Pre-school room, but will also experience the other rooms to get a rounded experience whilst studying for her Level 3 qualification.

**It is so important that invoices are paid promptly.** As a charity, we do not have vast reserves that we can dip into that other private nurseries may have, so we do rely on the fees to enable salaries to be paid to our staff who all do a wonderful job. Please pay your fees in advance, not at the end of the month. Of course, we understand that personal finances can sometimes be tricky, and if you are struggling – you must talk to us immediately. We would appreciate your co-operation with this – thank you.

**Have you linked all your social media to us to keep abreast of our activities?**



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We bought a very fancy interactive touchscreen table last month. The children and staff love it and it has further enhanced our ICT Development area and is a valuable learning resource for the children.

**Thank you.** As a charity we do rely on a lot of goodwill and fundraising, and in the last few of months we have raised/been awarded/had donated:-

• **Thomson Reuters donation - £783.87**

### Dates for your diary

- **AGM** – 6.30pm Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September – all welcome.
- **Bags 2 School** – Thur 10<sup>th</sup> October – have a clothing clear out and help us to raise funds. Bags available 2 weeks before.
- **Halloween Party** – Thur 31<sup>st</sup> Oct @ 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Chargeable event – more information nearer the time.
- **Half-term Holiday Club** – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov (inc) – booking forms available at beginning of October.
- **Children in Need** – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. A day of fundraising fun.
- **Autumn Fayre and Photographer** – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – book a slot with the photographer and come join the fun at our fayre.
- **Christmas closure** – we close at 6pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and come back again at 7.30am on Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> January (term-time only children, return on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan).
- **Christmas Holiday Club** – it will only be for 3 days over the Christmas period; on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 and on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 – booking forms out at the beginning of December.