

Little Village Learners & Fun Track

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

NEWSLETTER February 2022



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Covid 19 is still here though, and whilst restrictions may be eased, we would ask you to take responsibility, and be mindful of other people's situations, and keep our children and staff safe. Thank you.

The Autumn/Winter term was busy with **fundraising** activities, and you were all wonderful in helping us to raise funds for new extras for the children.

Autumn Fayre - £501.75

Photographs - £93.42 & £23.83

Bag2School - £94.50

Christmas Raffle - £283

Easy Fundraising is now up to £740

Thank you to Sainsburys who donated some lovely chocolate for our Autumn Fayre.

Blue Teapot who held a charity book sale to raise £50.

Beryl Jennings who knitted the very cute Gonks/Gnomes we sold.

All the families who baked and donated goodies and supported our events.

To Helen Russell who has donated some greeting cards for us to sell – please pick up a few in the corridor.

Toddler Group is back! Tuesday 9.15am-11am. £2 per child, 50p siblings. A social and welcoming environment for children and adults to stay and play. Tell your friends and family.

If it is **heavy snow**, please check our FB for updates to ensure there is no disruption to our service.


Our fees will increase from Monday 4th April 2022 in line with the increase in National Minimum Wage, rent, utilities and other running costs. You will receive a final invoice up to 1st April, then any sessions from 4th April will be at the new prices. We have managed to hold our prices since November 2020, however with costs rising, it is necessary to increase the fees. All families will receive a letter with further details.

We can't stress how important it is to **pay your invoices promptly**. As a charity, we intentionally do not make large profits from our fees, so that our costs benefit local parents. However, we have weekly expenses which have to be met, and thus the fees are **ABSOLUTELY VITAL**. Please bring any outstanding invoices up-to-date as soon as possible.

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

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 @RoydPlaygroup

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use our postcode to find us - HX7 5AF

 www.LittleVillageLearners.com

As you may be aware we are changing our **charity status** (still remaining a charity) and we are moving closer to finalising it. Thank you to our new Trustees for helping us through the process: - Mike Halstead, Claire Jamieson and Natalie Kata. One of the next stages is a visit from Ofsted. At this point, there is nothing further for parents to be aware of, but we will send out any updates as soon as we have them.

Welcome to our two new cooks Emma Kaye & Lisa Ashley, who are job sharing the role.

We are pleased to announce that Jojo, our Fun Track Playworker has not only agreed to work for us on a permanent contract after covering Maternity for Charliiey, but also to undertake her apprenticeship with us, so you will see Jojo working across all rooms as well as still working in Fun Track. We know she will do well.

Welcome back to Charliiey after Maternity Leave with baby Kai. Charliiey is now working across all rooms too, but still in Fun Track.

All of our childcare staff have recently renewed their **Safeguarding and First Aid** certificates. Keeping children safe is a high priority for us.

Dates for your diary

Half-term – Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb - Holiday Club 5 days – booking forms out now.

World Book Day – Fri 3rd Mar – all children will get a £1 book token and we will be exploring books as usual.

School Offer Days – 1st Mar for Secondary School & **19th Apr** for Primary School. Ensure you have applied for your child(ren) if applicable.

Bag2School – Thur 17th March – Look out for the information poster and bags in the corridor.

Red Nose Day – Fri 18th Mar – we will be doing something 'Funny for Money' all that week.

Staff Training Day – Fri 8th Apr – we will be closed for all childcare this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

Easter Holidays – Mon 11th – Fri 22nd Apr – Holiday Club will be available.