

# Lynch Hill School September 2020

*Aim high, work hard, care deeply*



# Foreword from Mrs Tomlinson

- ▶ I cannot wait to welcome you all in September and hope that it will be the start of a school year filled with amazing opportunities, new challenges and endless fun.
- ▶ Each day, I feel very grateful and extremely proud that I am the Headteacher of this school: a school where our vision is to '***Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply***'. It is important to know that this isn't just an expectation for the pupils, every adult in the school has to do this too. If we are all aiming high, working hard and caring deeply, then Lynch Hill School is a place where anything is possible, where targeted outcomes are achieved and the support and commitment is there to enable everyone to develop, to grow and to experience what success feels like.
- ▶ I want this new school year to be a year where you make the most of all that is on offer at Lynch Hill, where you are able to embrace challenge and one where you feel brave enough to try new things. You are not alone; we are on this journey together.

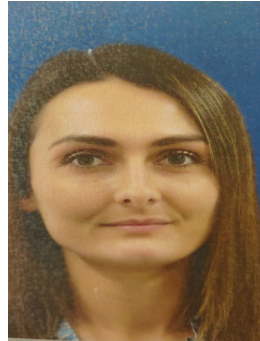
# A Welcome to Nursery

- ▶ This is a big milestone for your child as it marks the first year of their school journey. Our aim is to give every child the opportunity to achieve their personal best and to develop lively, enquiring minds.
- ▶ We achieve this by providing the children with an enabling environment and support them to engage in topics linked to their interests.
- ▶ The children are actively involved in play which allows for spontaneity and encourages purposeful learning.
- ▶ We look forward to sharing your journey with you.

# The Staff in Nursery



Mrs Finley



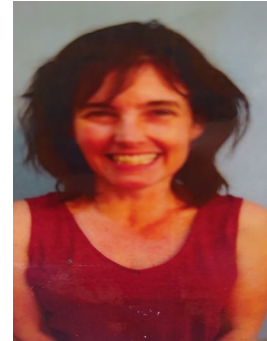
Miss Harrison



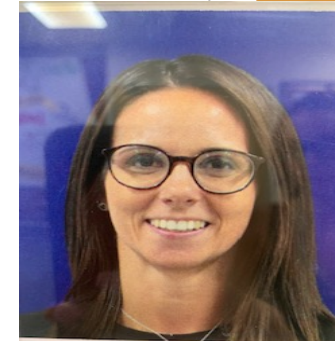
Mrs Ruiz



Mrs O'Connor



Mrs Tobin



Mrs Cullane



Miss Bartholomew



Miss Boshier



Ms Edmunds



Mrs Murphy



Mrs Lawrie



Miss Skillan

# Introduction to Mrs O'Connor

- ▶ Hello, I am Mrs O'Connor and I am the Teacher in Blue Dragonfly group.
- ▶ You will find me having lots of fun and getting messy in the creative area. This is my favourite place to play in Nursery.
- ▶ My favourite book to read is *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. I love acting out the story with the children.
- ▶ My favourite colour is blue.
- ▶ I enjoy singing and dancing to Disney songs and my favourite movie is *The Little Mermaid*.
- ▶ I can't wait to welcome you to Nursery. We are going to have so much fun and learn lots of new things together.

# Introduction to Mrs Finley

- ▶ Hello, I am Mrs Finley and I am the Teacher of Green Caterpillar group.
- ▶ My favourite place to play in Nursery is the writing area. I love experimenting with different ways to make marks.
- ▶ My favourite book to read is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. You will see lots of caterpillars in my group.
- ▶ My favourite colour is pink.
- ▶ My favourite Nursery rhyme is *Three Currant Buns* and my favourite movie is *Beauty and the Beast*.
- ▶ I am looking forward to meeting you all and I can't wait to explore Nursery with you.

# Introduction to Miss Harrison

- ▶ Hello I am Miss Harrison and I am the Teacher from Red Ladybird group.
- ▶ My favourite area is the outdoor learning environment as I love the fresh air and to run around.
- ▶ My favourite story to read is *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson. The giant is so kind and helpful.
- ▶ My favourite colour is pink.
- ▶ My favourite song to sing to is *The wheels on the bus* and I love watching Frozen movies.
- ▶ I can not wait to make some mud pies and play some games in the garden with you.

# Introduction to Mrs Ruiz and Mrs Cullane

- ▶ Hello we are Mrs Ruiz and Mrs Cullane. We are the Teachers in Yellow Bumble Bee group.
- ▶ You will find us sharing one of our favourite stories in our cosy reading area in school. We love to use our imaginations and get lost in a book. We also like to build lots of great models in the construction area.
- ▶ Our favourite stories to read are *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson and *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.
- ▶ Our favourite colours are red and purple.
- ▶ We enjoy singing *wind the bobbin up* and *head shoulders knees and toes*. We also like to dance to *Count on me*. I hope you will join in with the actions with us. Our favourite movies to watch are *Shrek* and *Lion King*.
- ▶ We are looking forward to meeting you all and sharing new adventures in Nursery.



# Introduction to Mrs Tobin

- ▶ Hello I am Mrs Tobin and I am very lucky because I get to teach in all of your wonderful groups.
- ▶ I enjoy playing in the Nursery garden and like playing ring games with my friends.
- ▶ My favourite story to read is *The Tiger That Came To Tea* by Judith Kerr.
- ▶ My favourite colour is blue.
- ▶ I enjoy singing *walking through the jungle*. I like to sing and dance to all songs. In my spare time I enjoy watching my football team West Ham play and going for long walks with my family.
- ▶ I cannot wait to meet you and your family when your start your journey in Nursery. We are going to have so much fun.

# Our Classrooms and our unit

- ▶ Please visit our website and have a look at our Nursery tour. You will be able to have a look around our lovely Nursery and get to see some of our amazing areas to play in. You might even see some of your Teachers in the Nursery tour too.

# 10 Fun facts about Nursery

- ▶ We will have lots of fun learning through play.
- ▶ You will make lots of new friends.
- ▶ There will be plenty of opportunities to experiment with different ways of moving.
- ▶ We have special guests who visit throughout the year.
- ▶ You will get to choose a book from our class library and share it with your family.
- ▶ You can create a masterpiece and take it home for someone special.
- ▶ Your grown ups will get to see all the fun learning you are doing through our online learning journey. They can even share the fun things you are doing at home on there too.
- ▶ You will have the opportunity to take part in our fabulous Christmas play.
- ▶ We have a great sports week that we all have fun taking part in.
- ▶ Most of all, there will be lots of laughter.

# Equipment

- ▶ Wellington boots and rain coats. In Nursery we go outside in all weathers.
- ▶ Spare change of clothes.
- ▶ Sun hats. Sun cream to be applied at home.

## PE Kits

- ▶ A plain or school yellow T shirt, black shorts, black leggings and a change of trainers for outdoor games.
- ▶ Black or grey tracksuit for outdoor games.
- ▶ A dark waterproof sports jacket is advisable for KS2 children, who are expected to participate in outdoor PE in all weathers.
- ▶ Swimming kit (yr3) - plain black or grey swimsuit / trunks, swimming hat and goggles.

# Homework

During your time in Nursery you will have the opportunity to look after Phil Bear. He is a very special Bear that likes to ask lots of questions. He will stay with you for the weekend and you will be able to answer his question and draw a lovely picture in his book to bring back to school on Monday to share with your friends. We ask that you share your thoughts with your grown ups but you do your drawing yourself.

We are very proud to be an *Active movement* school. We are teaching the children to stay healthy and active through continuous movement and eating a healthy balanced diet. At school we have some active movement 'puppies' that like to go on adventures at the weekend with the children. Each child will have the opportunity to take a 'puppy' home for the weekend and draw a picture of how they stayed healthy with their puppy. We encourage the children to do all their homework themselves.

# Breakfast club, Fun Zone and after school clubs

## Breakfast Club

- ▶ Breakfast club doors are open between 8.00am and 8.25am. The child enters through the double white doors at the end of the Year 1 classrooms.
- ▶ Breakfast club is open to all and can be paid for, in advance, online.

## Fun Zone

- ▶ Fun Zone is an after school supervised club that runs from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Spaces are limited so places need to be applied for via the school office.

## After-school clubs

- ▶ We offer a variety of after-school activities which can be sport-based, crafts and many others. A letter is sent out prior to each half term to allow you to apply for these.
- ▶ Spaces are limited so giving every child one club per half term is the first priority.

# The school day

## A Typical Day:

- ▶ A typical Nursery session follows this pattern:
- ▶ 8.30 am - Children arrive and are greeted by the Nursery staff. The children have a short group time with their key worker. For 10 - 20 minutes the children enjoy learning about foundation subjects.
- ▶ 8.50 - 10.40 - Children take part in free play inside the Nursery and outside in the garden which is structured to cover the Foundation curriculum. Children have free movement between the two environments and are supported in their learning by the staff.  
During this time, the children have access to a snack table where they are able to select milk or water and fruit.
- ▶ 11.00 - 11.15 - Children return to their groups with their key worker for another short, structured carpet session. This may include a story, music time or a circle time.
- ▶ 11.15 - The doors are opened by staff and parents come to their children's group to collect them.
- ▶ 11.30 - Doors are closed so children must be picked up promptly.
  
- ▶ **This is repeated in the afternoon session which runs from 12.30pm - 3.15 pm (doors will close promptly at 3.30pm).**
- ▶ When collecting your child, please ensure you are ready to greet them with a large smile and a keen interest in knowing what they have been doing over the 3 hour session and keep your mobile phones stored safely in your bag or pocket. That phone call can wait - your child's news can't!

# Trips

- ▶ We are fortunate to have a lovely farm that visit the Nursery children here at school. It provides an educational, safe and secure hands on experience for the children. It allows the children be inquisitive with their questions and for some children overcoming fears.
- ▶ We have a vegetable patch within the school grounds. It is always nice for the children to walk over and have a look at what is growing. This visit is linked to our planning.



# FAQs

- ▶ How was my child levelled at the end of last year?
  - ▶ Last academic year we gave the children a predicted grade based on their performance up to March 2020. This is to allow their new teachers an awareness of their ability and plan accordingly.
- ▶ What is going to happen to Year 2 and Year 6 SATS?
  - ▶ Currently the department for education has not given out guidance how what assessment will take place at the end of the academic year in July 2021. As soon as we have been informed we will communicate this with parents.
- ▶ Will there be parent interviews this year?
  - ▶ We have scheduled in these and will ensure appropriate safety measures are in place prior to these taking place. If there is any change to these plans, we will communicate this to the parents as soon as we are able.

# FAQs continued...

- ▶ Do I need to bring a snack for my child?
  - ▶ No. We provide milk and fruit for every child in Nursery.
- ▶ My child isn't potty trained what shall I do?
  - ▶ While we will do everything we can to support you child through their toileting needs. We advise you to use the time at home to start the process. Your child will feel more comfortable with you at home.
- ▶ Can I provide resources for the Nursery?
  - ▶ While this is a lovely idea we ask if the parent could contribute £1 a week to a fund which provides many extra consumables that young children use at school. This includes cooking and arts activities. It also funds additional toys and equipment for the department.