

THE LIME TREES AT KING EDWIN January 2021

What a year 2020 was!!

Despite all of the setbacks and challenges this year, The Lime Trees and King Edwin Primary School and Nursery School are now working in partnership, providing families with fantastic Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs.

The Lime Trees will be taking on the club in its entirety from 1st February 2021.

We look forward to becoming part of the King Edwin's community and providing outstanding services to children, parents and the school.

The Lime Trees Team

The Lime Trees welcomes our newest members of the team with Julie, Becky and Rosie coming on board.

Julie and Becky are Level 3 qualified and are Designated Safeguard Lead Trained. Rosie currently holds a level 2 and has recently refreshed her safeguarding children knowledge. Staff are also Paediatric First Aid Trained and hold Lv2 Food Hygiene qualifications.

As part of The Lime Trees ongoing goal to invest in our staff team, our training programme will be continuous, enabling the team to provide the best service possible. Our Operations Manager will support all aspects of training to help develop the team.

Our King Edwin Club also has a dedicated Account Manager (Mandy Selby) to support bookings, payments and transitioning parents to use our new online booking system. This will be Mandy Selby – <u>hello@thelimetrees.co.uk</u> – 0115 9313562

YOU SPOKE: WE LISTENED!

You spoke we listened is our method of taking the feedback parents provide and using this to further improve of services.

We always welcome feedback whether it is positive or constructive. We will share this with parents and how we will use the feedback to improve what we offer.



Investment

To bring the services up to the high standards of The Lime Trees, we are investing in a number of areas. We are initially investing over £1500 to refresh all resources and materials, purchasing new games and activities for the children. We will continually review the materials at the setting and always look to reinvest back into the club

We are also providing the staff team with a full Lime Trees uniform and continued hands on support from the SLT.

Activities at Our Clubs

Each one of our sessions are planned to inspire curiosity and allow children to explore ideas, interests and try something new. We don't want to limit a child's experience; we want to enhance it. During every session children will have a wide range of activities to choose from including construction, small world, craft, role play and STEM. Children will be provided with healthy breakfast and snack option. We encourage children to try new fruit and vegetables and teach the importance of a healthy well-balanced diet.

Online Safety

Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically because of coronavirus. With social distancing and limited multi household interaction, children are spending more time than ever online.

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they are doing online or who they might be talking to. But talking regularly will help your child feel relaxed and means that when they do have worries, they are more likely to come and speak to you.

The NSPCC has some great resources to support internet safety for children and they can be found by clicking <u>here</u>

Holiday Clubs

Throughout each school holidays we be running our Holiday Clubs. During their time with us, the children will be able to take part in our themed days. Each day will be packed full of exciting games, activities, and crafts.

For more information, please visit our website – <u>www.thelimetrees.co.uk</u> Follow the link to book your sessions now - <u>Bookings Portal</u>



WISH UPON A STAR

We have recently been working in partnership with the Wish Upon a Star foundation to raise funds for their trips to Lapland. Sadly, due to current events they could not take families to Lapland for the first time in 30 years. To support their fundraising efforts, we took part in a sponsored elf walk. Children were provided with an elf hat and completed laps of the playground or school hall. Thank you to our generous donators, we raised over £2000.

FOOD PARCELS

Before we broke up for the Christmas Holidays, we successfully partnered with Kerry's Fresh Grocers to provide food parcels for our most vulnerable families. The parcels that Kerrys Fresh donated were amazing, containing so much high-quality food that really helped families.

Throughout the year we will be looking to replicate this and hopefully provide more food parcels to families in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

Monday 1st February – The Lime Trees Clubs opens Friday 12th February – Last day of term 15th – 22nd February – School Holidays – Holiday Clubs Available Tuesday 23rd February – First day of term Friday 2nd April – Last day of term

OFSTED

We have now received our registration number from Ofsted. This is **2624053**

Registering with Ofsted allows parents to use their childcare vouchers or the Government Tax Free Childcare. More information can be found here - <u>https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare</u>

SOCIAL MEDIA

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