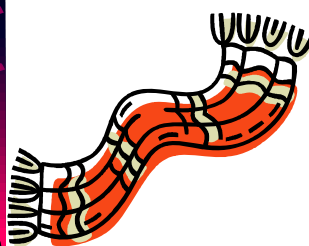




Happy Halloween



PARENTS NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN 2010

5th October 10

As I write this newsletter the children are out running around the garden in the sunshine if it wasn't for the lovely Autumnal colours on the trees I wouldn't believe its Autumn already.

The last of the Parrots and Flamingoes have flown the nest and after a few little flutters they have found their wings and all seem to have settled well into big school. We wish them all luck.

Before I go into the usual list of reminders, dates and events I would like to say a very big welcome to all our new children and their parents, and we sincerely hope you will be very happy here. I am pleased to say most of the children seem to have settled in very well. Please remember if you have any concerns do not hesitate to speak to me, Kelly (Acting Deputy), Sarah (Senior Nursery Nurse) or Patricia (2-3' Supervisor) we are all here to help make the transition period as smooth as possible for you and your child.

A big Thank you to everyone who got into the spirit of things on Jeans for Geans day, we have posted off a cheque for £71.00. Our next charity event is on Friday 19th November for Children in need, the theme this year is SPOTS so for a £1.00 donation please send in your child with an item of clothing with spots on of a painted face of you may have your own brilliant idea. We will also have a raffle and cake sale on the day. Look out for posters.

UNIFORM

May I remind you that ALL children over two must wear Nursery Uniform.

This should be clearly marked with your child's name on. As the weather gets colder the children will require coats and Wellington boots, could you please ensure you name these as well to save confusion. Staff have asked me to mention that some parents send their child into the class with their coats on this means that staff have to leave the class several times to hang up coats, they would appreciate it if you could remove their coats and hang them up on their peg before you take them to class.

Thank you.

DOOR ENTRY

Could I please remind you to make sure you close the door behind you, on numerous occasions recently parents have left the door open, for the children's safety PLEASE do not leave the door

open, Thank you. Also please do not assume that the person behind you should be let in as they could be a security risk, they need to buzz in themselves so that they can be identified.

CAR PARK

There have been a couple of incidents in the car park recently and I have observed parents personally driving in and out of the car park at an unsafe speed, and parking on the paths, the paths are intended to provide a safe easy access route to the nursery so parents do not need to trudge through pebbles especially pushing pushchairs. Please do not park on the path. Also watch your speed on entering and leaving the Nursery as you never know if a child may run out in front of you. Please be thoughtful to other parents and staff when using the car park and please do not let your children pick up the stones and throw them as they can damage the cars. I am sorry that I keep on mentioning the car park in my newsletters but it seems that some parents are still not listening. Lastly regarding the car park the proprietor has asked that I mention the dropping of litter as he is constantly picking it up, please dispose of your litter in the Nursery bins or the bin by the entrance gates. **Thank you.**

SIGNING IN & OUT

You are reminded once again to ensure that you sign your child in and out each morning and afternoon as this is an OFSTED Requirement. Please remember **YOU** must inform staff when taking your child home, as sometimes when children are in the garden parents call their child and just take them home without speaking to the class teachers, leaving the staff anxious as to where the child has gone spending time running around questioning other staff to find out whether they have seen a parent or not and as so many parents do not sign in and out they can not even check this safeguard. Could I also ask you to close class room doors when you go outside to collect your child. **Thank you.**

SICKNESS

May I remind you of Social Services guidelines, if your child is taken ill they must not be brought to Nursery until at least 24 hrs have lapsed since the last bout of sickness or diarrhea, also if an antibiotic has been prescribed again they need to be kept at home for at least 24 hrs. We only administer prescribed medication so please do not bring in medicines that have not been prescribed. These are necessary guidelines to protect infection from spreading around the Nursery to the other children and Staff. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

CHANGES IN PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please remember to tell me if you have changed jobs, it is very important that we are kept up to date with changes of address/job/telephone numbers as we may have to get hold of you in an emergency, so if you have changed any of these details including mobile phone numbers please let us know. Thank you.

STAFF REQUESTS

Staff have asked me to ask if you could save your wool, string, ribbon, scraps of material, yoghurt pots, mousse pots, empty smartie boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc, (NO TOILET TUBES PLEASE) for junk modeling and craft activities. Many thanks.

Please remember to check your pigeon hole and take home your children's work, letters and invoices also read your contact books, and check to see if supplies are required as staff have reported to me that they are constantly having to remind parents about nappies, spare clothes etc.,(please check we have warmer clothes for the winter in spare clothes bag) Staff ask that you please write your child's

name on the nappies/wipes you bring into nursery as some parents just put them down and the staff do not know whose they are.

The Children sleep after lunch both upstairs and downstairs, the babies staff have said how noisy it is in reception when the morning children go home and have asked that you please remember to enter and leave during this time as quiet as possible. The 2-3's (Butterflies & Ladybirds) staff have asked that you only use Number 8 the Art room door entry system during this time and not to leave your finger on the buzzer until they answer as this wakes the children up. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DIWALI 4th November (we are holding it a day early as this is the day most children attend the Nursery)

We will be celebrating Diwali at the Nursery by having a fun day, dressing up in traditional outfits tasting and cooking traditional food. If you could help on the day or have any suggestions as to how we can make this a special event for the children we would be delighted to have your help. If you would like to make a donation for this event please hand it to your child's group room. Thank you. We will also have a few fireworks in the evening as it is Guy Fawkes on the 5th November..

PHOTOGRAPHER

We have arranged for a Photographer to visit the Nursery on:-

Thursday 11th November from 8.30 a.m. If you want to send in a bag of clothes to change them into please clearly mark this with their name on.

If your child does not attend Nursery on Wednesdays please bring them in at 9.00a.m and we will fit you in first so that you can get in and out quickly. Siblings are also welcome.

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding our Parents Evening on: -**Tuesday 16th November 7.00pm – 9.00p.m.**

Please look out for the booking appointment sheet on you child's class room door.

Light refreshments will be served in the Dinning Room.

Because of the nature of the Parents Evening, it would be appreciated if your children did not accompany you on this occasion. Thank you.

Reports will be sent out w/c 8th November 2010

HALLOWEEN 29th October

The staff all also planning fun and games for a Halloween party on Friday 29th October so the children can come to Nursery in fancy dress if they wish or bring something in to change into, please remember to mark all the outfits with your child's name. Nothing to scary mind as I don't want all the staff crying!!!!!! They scream and run a mile if they see a spider.

CHRISTMAS

It's that time again, dare I mention Christmas!!!! OH NO!! I hear you saying, well when you work with young children you have to plan everything well in advance so here are some dates for your diary: -

Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the Nursery for Christmas on the evening of

Monday 22nd November. This is to allow us to 'transform' the Nursery

for the children, so that when they arrive in the morning the Nursery looks 'festive'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for donating their 'free' time on this occasion, for the benefit of your children. Any unwanted Christmas decorations would be most appreciated, so when you get your decs out please remember us.

Christmas Post Box

Our Nursery Post Box, in the reception area will be accepting 'Christmas Post' from Wednesday 1st December, all children and adults, are most welcome to use the facility, to send cards to those in the Nursery. Our children in the Parrots and Flamingos will be responsible for emptying and delivering the contents to the appropriate recipient. Last collection will be Tuesday 23rd December.

Christmas Concerts

The 3-5's will be putting on a Christmas Concert and would like to invite their parents to attend, Unfortunately we do not have a large enough room to hold all the parents at once so we are putting on two performances one for the Parrots parents and one for the Flamingoes parents. The Performance will be on Wednesday 15th December for Parrots & Thursday 16th December for the Flamingoes parents. Performances to start at 10-30am.

All Parents are most welcome to attend their son/daughters performance. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Concerts please inform your child's class teacher.

Christmas Lunch ~ Tuesday 21st December

Entertainer, Christmas Party & Father Christmas – Thursday 23rd December.

We will send you further details of the above, following final arrangements and scheduling with all the Staff.

Christmas Closure

Following all of the above, the staff will most certainly need to 'put their feet up' so we will be closing at 4.00pm a little earlier than normal on Christmas Eve which is **Friday 24th December, where we will** all be resting until hibernation ends on **Tuesday 4th January 2009.**

Please remember if you have any concerns what so ever do not hesitate to speak to me.

All that remains is for me to say I look forward to seeing you all on parents evening.

Kind Regards

Evelynn