

PARENTS
NEWSLETTER
SPRING MARCH 2011

Oh! How nice it is to see the sunshine I trust I am not being presumptuous; personally I am delighted that Spring is just around the corner and the children will be able to enjoy their playtimes in the sunshine hopefully, especially in the afternoons as it gets lighter.

Firstly we would like to send a warm welcome to all our new children and parents and hope they will thoroughly enjoy their time with us here at The Old Rectory Nursery School.

I would also like to welcome back Amber Thomas (Deputy Manager), Amber has returned to us with her son Max after her Maternity leave. I would also like to welcome Elzbieta Kuznicka (known as Ella) who joins the staff in the baby room and we wish her a long and successful career here at The Old Rectory. On a sad note Dhruti from the Owls class who has worked here for three years will be leaving us this week, Dhruti for personal reasons has decided to stay at home to look after her children, I am sure you will join me in thanking Dhruti for all her hard work and support and wish her all the very best for the future.

Dhruti writes.

Dear Parents

I am sorry for the short notice in informing you of my decision to leave The Old Rectory And stay at home to look after my children, I have loved working here and my leaving is purely personal. I would like to thank all the staff especially Evelyn for her constant support and sometimes nagging during my training to get my qualifications. I have made lots of friends and will miss you all especially the children.

I will still be bringing in Nihal to Nursery and hope to see and talk to you then. Love
Dhruti x x

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generosity in respect of the lovely Christmas presents both individual and group, I would also like to say many thanks to all those Parents/carers who purchased /sold raffle tickets during December.....goodness that seems ages ago now!, we managed to raise £175.80. We have purchased Giant story books a Keyboard and a recorder. Once again thank you.

STAFF REQUESTS

Staff have asked me to ask if you could save your ribbon, scraps of material to help with the making of our Easter bonnets, keys, purses, old shoes, (not too old) Sarees, dupattas hats, for dressing up, padlocks, old alarm clocks or anything that you feel could be used with the children, what might be junk to you could be a fascinating experience for the children.

Staff have asked me to remind parents/carers to check their child's contact book (under 3's) so that supplies can be brought in when requested, staff have said they have to constantly ask and have to use Nursery nappies or borrow from other children if this keeps happening I will have no other option than to go and buy nappies and submit those parents/carers with a bill. Staff have to follow nursery procedure regarding nappy changes therefore please supply enough nappies for a change every 2 hours or when they are wet or soiled. Please remember also to return your contact book to your child's pigeon hole as the staff need the books to write in.

I have also been asked to remind you to return the 'This is me booklet' and the parents feedback sheet, the little white labels that you are given for parent/carers weekend observations, these are very important as this is the starting point for us to plan for you child further development.

When a child starts the Nursery we ask you to complete a 'this is me' form and ask for family photo's so that they can look at them and it is a great comfort when a child sees their family and the staff can talk about them. Please do send them in with who the persons name written on the back. These photos can not be returned so please only send in ones that you don't want.

Last but not least the baby room staff have asked for slippers for the babies as they keep pulling off their socks and they can never find them.

Finally could we please ask parents who collect/drop off their children at lunchtime to buzz the correct group room as children sleep at this time: Under 2's buzz Owls class, 2-3's Buzz the Art room, over 3's please buzz which ever class your child is in. I would ask you please to only buzz the office if you do not get a response from the group room. Please remember this is the nursery quiet time so we would appreciate it if you could collect/drop off your children quietly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SECURITY/SAFETY For the security of the Children and Staff could I please remind you to close the door on entering and leaving the Nursery, even if there is a parent or a staff member behind you and you do not recognize them please close the door. They need to ring themselves so that they can be identified.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN EVEN FOR A MINUTE AS THAT'S ALL IT TAKES!!!! Thank you.

For the safety of the children once you have removed their coats you should escort them to their group room, especially the children on the first floor to prevent accidents on the stairs. 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.

We are collecting Sainsbury's/Tesco vouchers again and have a collection box in reception for you to help us fill up!

PARENTS REQUESTS (I sent this in my last newsletter)

Car Park Oh dear I'm beginning to sound like an old broken record this is now getting to the point where I feel I need to stand in the car park to avoid confrontations between parents due to some inconsiderate parking, I have had numerous complaints about parents being blocked in, people parking on the path in front of both gates so it is difficult to get in the Nursery. Cars just abandoned in the middle of the car park when there is plenty of places, please for everyone's safety PLEASE DRIVE AND PARK CAREFULLY.

The proprietor has asked me again to mention litter in the car park, we have two very large bins in the car park by the gates and lots of bins in the Nursery so there is no need for anyone to drop cans, bottles McDonalds wrappers, or tissues to name but a few that the proprietor has had to pick up recently.

MOBILE FARM We have booked the mobile farm to visit the Nursery again, they will be coming on April 20th and will be with us all day so that all the children can come and visit and stroke the animals, however it is very expensive £350.00 and we would have to do a lot of fund raising as well as charge parents (£4/£5 approx.) I do hope you support this as the children absolutely love it.

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

Easter Hat Parade 21st April followed by Easter egg hunt in the garden (I for one am looking forward to all those goodies yum-yum) Easter hats will be made at Nursery, if you have any unwanted hats we would gladly take them off your hands so the children can re-decorate them. This event is for the children as we have found in previous years the younger children can get upset with unfamiliar adults around and not want to participate. Many Thanks.

EASTER CLOSURE The Nursery will be closed on Good Friday the 22nd April and will re-open on Tuesday the 3rd May 2011.

Children's Progress Reports will be sent out w/c 18th April

PARENTS EVENING we will be holding our Parents Evening on: -

Tuesday 19th April 2011. 7.00pm - 9.00 (last appointment 8.50)

Parents will have a ten minute slot to talk to the staff in their child's group room and look at their child's records of achievements, and the new Early Years Foundation Stage Tracker Book that have just been introduced by The London Borough of Hounslow. This book will be a way of tracking your child's progress from the time they start Nursery till they leave us, this will then be sent on to the following provision.

Please look out for the parents booking times sheet which will be posted on your child's group room door nearer the time, so you can arrange a convenient time.

Light refreshments will be served in the Dining 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

On a more personal note you may have noticed my absence over the last few weeks, and if you needed to see me I must apologize, but due to family issues I needed to be else where. I would like to thank all the staff especially Amber and Kelly for covering the Nursery in my absence I could not have done without them. I would also like to thank parents for their kind thought words and prayers especially the hugs I really do appreciate it.

Someone very special to me and she knows who she is told me that I was like a Maypole and I needed at times to get others to take hold of a ribbon, well I did just that and because of the situation I may have to ask them to take hold of those ribbons again as I will have to take more time off and I do not know when or for how long. So please bear with me Amber and Kelly will still be here to answer any queries.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the proprietors, the staff team and myself to wish you all a very Happy Easter, enjoy the break and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards
Evelynn