



Parents Newsletter

Summer 2010

Do I dare risk it and say I think summer has finally got here!! Well I for one am delighted to see the children out in the garden without being all wrapped up in coats and hats long may it last.

We have had lots more new children and parents join us since my last newsletter And I would like to send a warm welcome on behalf of the staff team to all our new children and their parents and hope they will thoroughly enjoy their time with us here at The Old Rectory Nursery School.

The children all had a super time last week when the mobile farm came to the nursery they were very excited to see the animals some of which the children had never seen before and they all wanted to stroke them and watch the lambs being bottle fed it was so cute. The older children had an educational talk and the opportunity to ask questions. The rabbit was a great success described as fluffy by one child. One child a bit confused when asked who lays eggs? Replied daddy chickens!!!! On the subject of eggs another child thought he should climb in the pen and collect the duck egg as it was bigger than the chickens, needless to say he did not succeed in this venture. I would also like to thank Mrs. Athwal and Mrs. Regis Williams for helping supervise the children.

SPORTS DAY

Each year we celebrate the end of another academic year with a Sports day and a graduation parade, last year we were told we had to cancel this event because of the worry of swine flu, so we are all looking forward to this year's event. We would like to include a Barbeque, stalls, raffle, (Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated) cake sale, bouncy castle, to name but a few, we would of course have our usual races but and it's a big but we can not do this without your help. The proposed date for this event is **Tuesday 27th** July. You are all most welcome as are Grandparents and other family members, we are all looking forward to an exciting afternoon of fun and games and hope the weather will be kind to us. You will be asked to participate, as the children love to see their mummy or daddy even their brothers and sisters running. So come prepared, dust down the old trainers and join in the spirit of things.

In order for me to plan this event I need to know how many friends/parents will help, so attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire for you to fill in, I would appreciate it if you could fill it in and let me have it back by **Friday 25th June**.

Please do support us in this venture it should be a really good day.

I will keep you informed as to further details when I have had all your responses back.

SUN LOTION/HATS

Please ensure that your child has sun cream and a hat as they need to be protected from the sun's harmful rays. Could you please ensure they are clearly labeled with their name? It would be very helpful to the staff on hot days if you could apply the sun cream at home as it takes each staff member a good half hour to apply it to the whole class before they can go outside. Thank you. If your child does not have a hat or sun cream they will not be able to go outside to play when it is hot and sunny.

BOOK CLUBS

Please feel free to browse at the book clubs we have on display in reception as you can often pick up some very good bargains and the more you buy the more you help the Nursery as we then get a free book. Please remember to leave your **cheques only please** with your order, as we cannot order items for you without it.

PARENTS EVENING

We hope you all enjoyed our recent parent's evening. It was very nice to hear all your positive comments regarding the setting which I of course passed on to the staff.

HOLIDAY NOTIFICATION & LEAVING

Could I please remind all parents to fill in the relevant forms so that we have your requests in writing for:-

- Request a change in your child's booking
- Notice of leaving in writing, when your child's space is no longer required
- Intention to take a holiday

Could I please remind all the parents/carers of the children who are going to school to provide us with the name of their school as we have to provide this to the early years so that they can forward their tracker books.

Forms are available from the letter rack outside the Owls class room on the ground floor.

Talking of leavers we have a number of children who have been with us for quite some time, flying from their Parrots and Flamingos nests this Summer, and heading for 'big school'. We are, as always very sad to see children go, but I am sure you will join me in wishing them all, the very best of luck.

TESCO & SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We would like to say thank you to all the parents/carers who have donated Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers to the Nursery. Please keep them coming.

SIGNING IN AND 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.

BOOKS AND TOYS

A BIG THANK YOU to all those parents who have recently donated books and toys we are always very grateful for any nearly new or well kept toys, books, or dressing up costumes that the children can use to play and experiment with. If you are a wizard with a needle and thread and can make costumes we would love to hear from you.

CAN YOU HELP

We are looking for things we can make musical instruments out of for the garden such as tin cans, plastic bottles, or cuts of piping, etc., you may have a fantastic idea of your own and would like to share it with us even help us make something. Talking of gardens would you like to come and help the children look after their vegetable patch? Helping them and showing them how to weed and maintain the garden. If this is something you think you can help with please let me know as soon as possible so we can get the ball rolling.

Do you like cooking? would you like to come to Nursery and share your expertise, please let me know.

PARENTS REQUEST

As you all know we do not give children sweets, we ask parents at the end of the day if we have been given sweets for a birthday if your child is allowed to have some. It has been pointed out to us that some sweets contain gelatin and some vegetarian children are not allowed this in their diet, so please bear this in mind when you send in sweets. Thank you.

CAR PARK

I am still receiving complaints from parents regarding the speed at which some parents are driving at when entering and leaving the car park, may I point out there are signs asking you please to drive slow, so please for everyone's safety WATCH YOUR SPEED.

Mr. Hansora (Proprietor) has asked me to remind everyone not to drop litter in the car Park as this is very unsightly and attracts vermin which I personally do not want on Nursery grounds. We have litter bins in the nursery so please use them.

Thank you.

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, on several occasions lately it has been left open, even if someone else is coming in behind you they should also identify themselves to staff by using the buzzer entry system.

On a personal note I will be jetting off to sunny Spain (I hope) next week and leave you in the capable hands of Kelly, Sarah and Bally, and will see you on my return on 14th June.

All that remains for me to say is Happy Holidays and I hope to see you all on **Sports day**.

Kind Regards

Evelynn

Manager