

The Jays Day Care Nursery

Moorhaven Village, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0EX

Tel (01752) 894437 Mobile: 07976 869023

E-mail address: - Jacqui@thejaysnursery.entadsl.com

www.thejaysdaycarenursery.co.uk

Autumn Newsletter 2007

Dear parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone and hope you all had a good holiday. Welcome too, to all our new parents and children, we hope that you all settle back into Nursery life again without too much effort.

We had to say goodbye to Finn, Will, Bethany, Hannah, James, Sam, Abigail, Leila, Rosie, Billy and Jacob. They are hopefully settled into school now but we hope to see some of them in holiday club in the future.

Winter clothing

It will not be long before the bad weather is upon us, which prompts us into thinking about changing the children clothing needs. Every child should have

- a complete change of clothing everyday
- a waterproof coat and/or fleece (depending on the warmth of the coat)
- Wellington boots plus indoor shoes or slippers
- warm hat and MITTENS please (NOT gloves)

PLEASE could you name ALL items of clothing, as we do get left with a lot of lost property.

Staff Changes

As you may be aware, there have been a few staff changes. Debbie has gone on maternity leave and her baby is due in October. Alison has left and moved to Gloucester we wish her and her family well in their new home and with their new jobs. Annette has now been taken on as temporary Room Co-ordinator. We also have a new cook working part time - Leeann has worked here previously so welcome back Leeann. Hannah Munson and Vikki Gilbert joined us in July however, Vikki will now be leaving us as she has been offered a place on the Nursing Degree Course. We'll miss her but wish her Good Luck and all the best with her course.

Baby Room Staff: -	Annette Camp, Louise Brown.
Toddler Room Staff: -	Lorraine Ross, Angela Lock, Janet Milligan.
Pre-School: -	Rachel Nicholls (Deputy), Lucy Munson.
Admin and assistant Deputy -	Jo Colwill
Admin and cover for holidays and sickness: -	Gill Bradley
Cook: -	Leeann Nathan
Domestic and cover for holidays and sickness: -	Julia Brown
All Rooms:-	Sarah Richardson, Jacqueline Bullock, Gemma Knapman, Hannah Munsen.

Gates

Just a little reminder, when you come to drop off/collect your children can you please make sure the gates are securely shut behind you. Also, please could you refrain from allowing your child to climb the gate on departure as they are **NOT** allowed to do it when they play outside during the day in our care. It is giving them mixed messages as to what is allowed and what is not. Thank you.

Scrapbooks

For some time now we have been working on scrap books for all our children. This covers their areas of development and is available for parents to see in each of the rooms. We would like you to play a part in this and would be happy for you to take your child's scrap book home at any time to add anything you may feel is relevant i.e. special occasion, holiday, birthday etc. This should be a lovely record of your child's time at nursery and will be given to you to keep when your child leaves.

Room Changes

With the new term starting and the new age groups slowly taking place, we have decided to abandon the 'frog' and 'tadpole' group names within the pre-school room. We are going to create a group called the 'crocodiles' which will be led by Rachel. This group will be mainly for the children who are due to go to school the following term. She will take them out of the main group for a short while each afternoon to concentrate on the areas development of that she feels they would best benefit from before they leave us for their next step.

Theme for the Pre-School this term

'Pets' - This half term we will be looking at pets. We have a Vet coming to visit the Nursery and also a range of different pets. If you have any toy pets please feel free to let your child bring them in. If you have anything else to contribute or even a real pet (that you can accompany in) please see Rachel. We will also be incorporating Harvest Festival in to our activities from 1st to 5th October.

Please have a look at our website - www.thejaysdaycarenursery.co.uk where details of our activities, and other useful information, can be accessed.

E-mails

If you would like to contact us by e-mail for any reason our e-mail address is as follows:

Jacqui@thejaysnursery.entadsl.com

Should you wish us to contact you in the same way, please let us know your email address and we will add it to our records. Also a reminder, please let us know of any changes in contact telephone numbers - it is important that we can reach you in case of an emergency.

French Lessons

French Lessons will be starting on a Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 2.30 p.m. This is open to all 3 and 4 year olds and costs £3. If you wish your child to attend and haven't already put their name down, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We would like to thank you all also for the vouchers from Sainsbury's Active Kids we have managed to purchase some scarves and balls to add to our resources. Thank you!

Tesco Computer Vouchers

We were very lucky to be able to get a range of computer software to use on the computer we received from vouchers last year. We also had enough vouchers to purchase 2 CD players. Many thanks to you all, we could not have done it without you.

Tesco Sports Vouchers

We are now collecting the Tesco sports vouchers for more equipment, so get your families and friends involved in collecting for us. Thank You!!

ChildLine Printer cartridges

Childline have sent us a box of envelopes for us to send off our used printer cartridges to help their charity. If you do have a printer and would like to send your used cartridges to help the charity then please help yourself to an envelope, they are situated on the table in the tadpole and frogs cloak room area, under the cctv monitor.

Questionnaire

We hope to be giving out a questionnaire in the near future regarding the service we provide. This is a little overdue but is useful in identifying areas for attention and your comments are gratefully received. Please look out for this in the near future.

Signing In/Out

As mentioned previously and for the benefit of new parents, it is an OFSTED requirement that your child must be signed in and out of the Nursery. In order to keep your children safe, please could you remember to do this very important job in the morning and when you pick them up, thank you!!! The 'signing-in' sheet is positioned in the main room as you walk in and out.

New Build

Plans are on hold for the time being, but Jacqui and the Landlord remain in close communication as to the future of the Nursery. We'll update you as and when we can.

Dates for your diary

November	Thursday 8 th	Photographer 2 - 4.30 p.m. Everyone welcome, friends and family too
December	Thursday 13 th	Childrens Christmas Party (3 & 4 year olds only) Nativity and Leavers presentation
	Date to be Confirmed	Pennywell Farm Nativity (School Leavers only) More details to follow
	Monday 24 th	This will be a short day (9-4)
	27 th 28 th & 31 st	Holiday Club
January	2 nd 3 rd & 4 th	Holiday Club

Regards