

Autumn Newsletter 2009



Dear
Parents
and
Carers.



Welcome back after a changeable summer weather wise, but we do hope you enjoyed your holidays despite this. Welcome to, to our new children and parents and hope that everyone has settled back in to nursery life.

We have had to say goodbye to Harvey, Olivia, George, Oliver, Izabella, Edward, Nell, Harrison, Molly and Eleanor who have all gone on to school. We wish them all the best and hope to see them in holiday club soon.



Signing In/Out

Thank you to all parents who are signing their children in and out of the Nursery. It seems to be working well. For the benefit of new parents, it is an OFSTED requirement and does help to keep your children safe. The 'signing in' sheet is positioned in the main room as you walk in and out.



Mervyn still holds the lovely 'Musik Garten' session on a Wednesday morning, providing the 3 and 4 year olds with a half hour session of action songs, movement and playing of musical instruments. £1 is added to your invoice for 3 and 4 year olds attending Nursery on this day.

Celebration

Books



Please feel free to have a look at your child's book and add to it at any time. This will be a lovely record of your child's time at Nursery and will be given to you to keep when your child leaves.



Home/Nursery Book Scheme

We hope you are still enjoying changing books with your child. We enjoy hearing about what's happening outside of Nursery via the home link pages. Thanks you to all who are contributing to this. It is in its early stages but going well so far.

Please note: you can change your child's book as little or as often as you like.

Correspondence

We were going to try placing any correspondence i.e. invoices, newsletters, etc. in your child's book bags, however, we have abandoned this idea as book bags aren't always here. Staff will continue to hand out to parents any addressed correspondence but please do look by the signing in/out sheets for information that may be of interest to you.

Illness/Swine Flu

To prevent the spread of infection, sick children should not be brought in to nursery. I.e. doubtful rash, sore throat, sickness, diarrhoea or any other infectious illness. Should your child have any flu like symptoms together with a high temperature, please keep them at home. Should A child fall ill during the day, or develop a high temperature, the parent/carer will be contacted and be asked to collect the child.



Tesco/Flora/Sainsbury's vouchers

We have been collecting vouchers and would like to thank everyone, once again, who has helped us with this.

Flora

This is now coming to a close and we hope to get some digital scales and other utensils to help children during their cooking activities.

Tesco

We have received our stereo and headphones, some art equipment and computer software. The children are already enjoying the audio corner and love the idea that 6 of them can listen at any one time.

Sainsbury's

We are awaiting delivery of some balls, bean bags and other sports equipment.

Many thanks again for helping us to get this lovely equipment.



Winter Clothing

It will not be long before the wet/winter weather is here so please could you make sure your child (all ages) has the following items

everyday:-

- Full change of clothes
- Welly boots and indoor shoes
- Hats, scarves and mittens (not gloves) as the cold weather sets in.
- Waterproof clothing - we strongly recommend an all in one suit as we make the most of the gardens and grounds and we do go out in all weather.

Please could you ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled.



French Lessons

We are still holding French lessons that are now on a Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. This is open to all 3 and 4 year olds (even if they don't attend nursery that day) and costs £3. If you wish your child to attend, please let us know and we'll ensure they take part in the lesson.

Question of the month



In order to improve our service to you and to ensure you are happy with our current service we usually issue an annual questionnaire. However, we have decided to implement a 'question of the month' for parents to convey to us their thought/views of the nursery. You will see the first question on your October invoice. Please can you place your response in the suggestion box by the signing in/out sheets. You can always put any comments or suggestions in this box at any time and we will endeavour to address them.

General Information



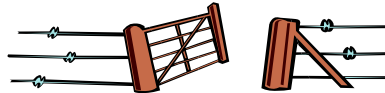
Toys

Please could you encourage your child NOT to bring toys from home in to Nursery. It can often cause them a lot of distress when others want to 'share' these toys and especially if their toy goes missing amongst the many toys already here. Your help in this would be much appreciated. Many thanks.

E-mail

If anyone would like to receive our newsletter by email rather than a paper copy, please let the office know and we'll try to do this in future.

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 you 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.



Open Day

Many thanks to everyone who helped support our Open Day. We were very grateful for the cakes and tombola items that were contributed and many thanks to all who attended on the day. Very sorry for the long wait for face painting! Lessons learned for next time! We were lucky with the weather and everyone said what a lovely atmosphere it was.

Regards

Jacqui



Dates for your diary

3rd November - Tuesday

'Little Angels' Photographer will be here from 2 - 5 p.m. Nursery children will be photographed unless you ask for your child not to be. Please feel free to come along and bring siblings etc. for family photo's.

26th - 30th October

Half Term

17th December - Thursday

Children's Nativity and Christmas party with Billy Wiz. More details will follow nearer the time. There will be a cost of £5 for the pre-school room and £2 for the toddlers and baby room to go towards the cost of entertainment, food and present. This will be added to your December invoice.

24th December - Thursday

Nursery open 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. only.

25th December - 28th December

Nursery closed for Christmas. Open as usual Tuesday 29th December.

1st January - Friday

Nursery Closed - New Years Day

Holiday Club

There will be no holiday club at half term as we are unable to staff it. We are planning to hold holiday club at Christmas. Details to follow nearer the time.

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