

The Jays Day Care Nursery

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Spring Newsletter 2007

Welcome back everyone to the New Year hope you all have a prosperous one. We had to say goodbye to Aaron, Olivia, Lillian, Tobin, Patrick and Alex just after Christmas, they are hopefully settled into school now but we hope to see some of them in holiday club in the future.

Winter clothing

We have had some pretty appalling wet weather just recently, which prompts us into thinking about 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 that Michelle has decided not to return to us after her maternity leave, and so we have taken on Gemma Knappman temporarily. I am pleased to say that Joanne has returned to us, on a part time basis, and Lily is now happily settled in the Baby room. I am pleased to announce that Kate and Dan had a little boy Toby and all is well and hopefully Kate shall be returning to work in the not too distant future. Sam has left to go on maternity leave and her baby is due in early April, we wish her well.

Water bottles

The Frogs and Tadpoles are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water, this is to help with their concentration but please note:

- The water must be in bottles with a pull up and push down sports type lid.
- The bottles will only contain water.
- The bottle needs to be clearly labeled with your child's name.
- The children need to take their bottle home daily to be refilled.

OFSTED Inspection

We had our unannounced OFSTED inspection on Friday 2nd February 2007, and I am pleased to say that we came out the inspection with an overall grade as 'GOOD', which we all were very happy with. One of the things that let us down was in 'keeping children safe', the inspector noticed that not all the parents were signing their children in with a time and also not everyone was remembering to sign their children out with the time. This a requirement for your children's safety in mind, so 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.

QA Assessment visit

Following the visit from the QA assessor back in October 2006 we were very disappointed to hear that we were not accredited with Quality Assurance. The report that came back praised us highly with the care the children get here at the Nursery and the Education was of a very high standard, they said that the parents/carers were informed and appeared to be happy and had good rapport with staff. The biggest concern, which meant we were not awarded QA, was with the general state of the building which they said did not come up to their very high standards, but hoped that with the new building in the pipeline that it shouldn't pose a problem. I would like to thank Gill for her hard work in getting the portfolios together and the staff in being part of the process. We shall try again hopefully in new premises.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's are doing their Active Kids Vouchers again this year so we would like to ask you to start collecting the vouchers for us, please do ask family and friends to collect for us as well. We have managed to increase our PE resources from previous years but can always do with more to give the children a variety of activities. They are available now until 29th May 2007

Tesco Computer Vouchers

We were very pleased to be able to get a new computer for the children last year with the Tesco Vouchers. This year we are hoping to be able to use the vouchers towards a Camcorder, so once again please collect the vouchers for us and also ask your family and friends to collect for us too. They will be available from 5th March through to 13th May 2007

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.

Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day here at the Nursery on Friday March 16th, so staff and children will be encouraged to dress up in something **red** and then you will have the pleasure of paying a donation for the privilege. There will be cakes for the children to buy during the week for those wishing to be part of this fund raising event that might not be in on the Friday. Please watch out for the poster on the front door.

Theme for Tadpoles and Frog this term

'People Who Help Us' - we have a very busy half term this time with lots of visits and visitors already planned but if you think that you would be able add to the children's experiences then please do ask either Jacqui or Rachel, and we will try and fit you in when it is convenient to both of us, we love having visitors here at the nursery.

Dates for your diary

Friday 16 th March 2007	Red Nose Day
Sunday 18 th March 2007	Mothering Sunday
Friday 6 th April 2007	<u>CLOSED</u> -Good Friday
Monday 9 th April 2007	<u>CLOSED</u> - Easter Monday
Tuesday 10 th April - Friday 13 th April	Holiday Club
Monday 16 th April - Friday 20 th April	Holiday Club
Monday 7 th May 2007	<u>CLOSED</u> - May Day
Monday 28 th May 2007	<u>CLOSED</u> - May Bank Holiday