



A Belated Happy New Year!

Christmas is well and truly behind us and I would like to say a big thank you for all your generous gifts, I hope everyone had a great time and a well deserved rest! We are all back in the swing of things now and looking forward to lots of fun and excitement during 2014.



Staff Developments

It's great to have Becki back from her maternity leave, she feels like she's never been away! Mandy is settling in and becoming more familiar to everyone, she has lots of experiences within childcare and has holds a Foundation degree in young children's learning and development. Hannah is furthering her studies and has joined Beth and Jodie on the Foundation degree. Most staff have just completed the 2 day paediatric first-aid course, which we update every 3 years.

It is with regret that we have to say good-bye to Laura at the end of the month after nearly 5 years employment here. She has been studying hairdressing in her spare time and after much deliberation has decided to pursue that career further, we all wish her lots of luck in her new venture.

Refurbishments

We had to have a new boiler fitted upstairs which has meant that the redecoration of the toddler unit dining room had to be placed on hold. However, the baby unit was redecorated over the Christmas break and I anticipate that the dining room upstairs should be completed early March.

World Book Day March 6th, 2014



We would love all the children to dress as their favourite book character and bring their book into nursery. We would like a contribution of £1 which will be donated to 'Book Aid International' which donates books to Africa. We will have lots of activities and will end the day with a themed tea party! Read more at: www.worldbookday.com

Bad Weather Arrangements

As always nursery will remain open where ever possible. We have never been unable to open and have only closed early on a couple of occasions due to snow! Please ensure all contact details are up to date and parents will be informed both on the website and by phone of any changes to the normal day.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned the forms, your comments are much appreciated and valued. As a result all of you were extremely happy with the systems already in place, and I have taken on board all feasible suggestions. The majority of parents are still unsure how to get information regarding topics and planning within the different units. We have tried many different systems over the last few years with varying success, we found that sending handouts home only worked for a handful of parents and the majority were left in bags. We have been updating whiteboards weekly but a lot of parents are still unsure where to look. As a result all the units now have a notice board in or near their rooms which will keep you fully abreast of all topics, planning, activities books etc.

If you are still unsure how to gain this information please ask either myself or your key-worker. Please keep any other suggestions coming in and I will endeavour to meet your needs wherever possible.

Fees

I will be reviewing fees shortly to take effect from the 1st of April, as always I will try to keep increases to a minimum while still maintaining our high standards, a further letter will be sent out in due course. Thank you as always for your continued support and understanding.

Reminders

- **Coats etc.** Please could you name all items of clothing such as coats, wellies gloves etc. As you can imagine it can be difficult to identify and return all these items.
- **Security:** Please ensure the main door is securely closed as you exit and do not let any one into nursery, kindly ask them to ring the bell and wait for a member of staff to let them in.
- **Sickness:** We do have a 24 hour policy following all bouts of sickness and/or diarrhoea, this is for the benefit of all children and staff, thank you for observing this.

Dates

06.03.14 World Book Day - please dress up and raise funds!

18.04.14 Good Friday - **Nursery closed**

21.04.14 Easter Monday - **Nursery closed**

