



Email News Letter
August 2010

A Big Thankyou

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you who sponsored me for my reverse bungee to help raise funds for Christies charity. We managed to raise £140.00 so thank you very much

Students

We now have two full time students working in nursery. Georgia who has started her level 2 in childcare is working alongside the staff in baby room and Megan who is also working towards her level 2 in childcare is working in pre-school. Both girls have settled in well! We are waiting for confirmation from the local colleges about getting another student so we will keep you informed.

Extra Activities

We will be looking into booking outside agencies to come into nursery next term to carry out extra activities with the children. We have decided to ask Miss Sarah the dance instructor to come back each week to do sessions with the children and are looking at getting leaps and bounds into nursery and also Sonia who currently attends Portico Kindergarten in Ormskirk to teach the children Spanish. We will be sending out letters of interest in the next few weeks so we can see how many parents

Dear Parent

Welcome to our Summer newsletter 2010. We hope you all had a lovely Summer and enjoyed any holidays you were lucky enough to go on!

Upcoming Events



Tuesday 7th September

Zoo lab will be visiting nursery on Tuesday 7th September and bringing along some little and big creatures as well as insects for the children to learn about. If they are brave enough they can have a little hold! They bring along everything from spiders and snakes to centipedes and mice. This session will be a great learning opportunity for all the children.

September 12th is 'Grandparents day' so we thought it would be a nice idea to ask any grandparents (or parents) if they would like to join us in nursery to carry out any activities or just spend some time with the children? If you are interested then please inform myself or a senior member of staff to arrange a suitable and convenient time to come in from week commencing 13th September.

This week is also 'Roald Dahl week' so we will be learning all about his amazing books and characters, reading the short versions of the stories as well as watching some of the DVD's as a treat, dressing up and creating a Roald Dahl role play area.

'World car free day' falls on the 22nd September and we thought it would be a good idea if we could see how many children and their parents could walk to nursery on this day? Staff will be walking to work and I myself will do my best to get out of the house in time, with two in tow and walk to school and work! If you do take up this challenge as I am aware it will be impossible for some of you then good luck!

Week commencing the 18th September is national baking week

are interested and book them to come out.

New Starters

Over the next few weeks we will be joined by new additions to Portico Lodge. We would like to welcome Adeel, Alexander, Aimee, Bella, Damera, Daniel, Holly, Lily, Lucy, Madeline, Nathan and Orla into baby room. Amy, Ethan and Sam into 2-3's room and Tom into pre-school.

Room Movements

Over the last couple of weeks and in the weeks approaching children will be starting a new adventure in their new rooms. Staff work extremely hard to ensure the transition runs smoothly by having lots of taster visits and making it as fun as possible!
Ciaran, Pranav, Owen, and Nathan will be joining pre-school.
Paige, Harry and Oliver will be joining 2-3's.

School Leavers

We have had children leaving for big school over the last few weeks and we will be saying goodbye to more children ready for the next adventure in their life's. We would like to wish Adam, Aiden, Daniel, Jack, Matthew, Olivia, Samuel and Zak the best of luck in their new schools and we hope to see you all soon!

so we will be baking and making a wide range of delicious foods with the children. If anybody has any yummy recipes that their children enjoy then please pass them into nursery.

'Everyone writes day' is on Friday 22nd October so pre-school will have the opportunity to do a lot of mark making and sending some letters home by post.

November is also a busy time with bonfire night, remembrance day on the 14th November where children will be taking part in the minute silence and making poppy's and we will also be taking part in this years children in need. We will inform you nearer the time of plans we have to celebrate and fundraise.

The 22nd November is road safety week and we will be taking this opportunity to teach the children the importance of staying safe at all times. We will be hopefully inviting the road safety officers in as well as the police and fire fighters to come in and chat to the children. We will be also planning a trip out of nursery for pre-school children around this time and staff will inform you nearer the time and seek permission

Staff

Staff Updates

After a lot of thinking Claire has decided to step down as deputy to senior and now work just on Thursday and Friday.

With Claire stepping down we have now promoted Natalie to work alongside Victoria and job share the responsibilities. Natalie is ready to start her final year at college to complete her Early years foundation Degree so good luck to Natalie and well done on the promotion!

Louise has been promoted to senior so if you have any queries or question and I am not here then please speak to Louise or one of the other senior members of staff. I do work 9 till 6 Monday to Thursday and 9 till 3 on a Friday, so if you need to speak to me remember I do have an open door policy if you want to have a chat at any time.

Vicky Storey is working well and putting all her knowledge into ensuring all the new starters in baby room are settled in well and having a happy transition to nursery along with the other staff in baby room.

Stacy is well and truly settled in to Lodge now and working extremely hard in pre-school and ensuring all the knowledge we have gained from our outdoor course is implemented in to the setting. There is also talk of Stacy doing her foundation degree once Natalie as completed hers so I will keep you informed.

Hannah and Rosie are now both qualified nursery nurses and will be starting their level 3 next month so good luck to both of you. Stephanie from baby room and Louise the cook are both doing very well and are loving motherhood and spending time off with their little boys. I will keep you updated about their return to work in the future!



Birthdays

Children celebrating their birthdays this term are:-

Aimee, Alexander, Arthur, Lucy, Madeline and Thomas will be celebrating their 1st birthday.

Harry, Oliver and Paige will be celebrating their 2nd birthday.

Owen and Pranav will be celebrating their 3rd birthday.

Grace, Lydia, Millie and Rory will be celebrating their 4th birthday.

Staff

Stacy has just celebrated her birthday and Natalie and Victoria will also be celebrating their birthdays this term.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very happy birthday!



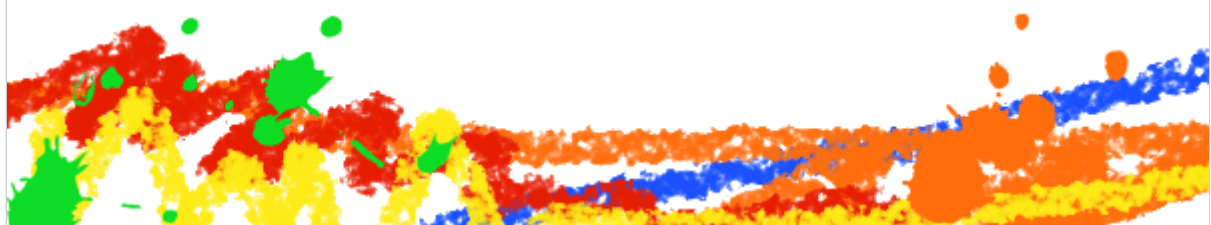
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Sincerely,



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