

Welcome to portico poppets autumn newsletter

Firstly I would like to say a big welcome to all our new children and their parents/ carers.



The winning balloon from the race in July travelled to Northern Ireland and was found in army barracks by LT W Taylor.

We were very grateful for the support received by parents. A lot of new equipment was purchased with the funds raised such as, sand and water tray, role play materials, heuristic play and sand and water toys.

Parental involvement

Do you have a hidden talent we don't know about?

We would love to get parents more involved with the nursery setting so if you have some spare time why don't you come along and read a story or do baking with the children.

If you would like to participate please make an arrangement with Vicki or Paula.

On the note of parental involvement we are having some trouble with the refuse collection from the local take away, I must stress to you that we are doing as much as we can to ensure that there are no rubbish bins in the public walk way. This has been a reoccurring problem for us and on numerous occasions we have contacted environmental health with formal complaints and have received visits from them each time. Please support us by signing the petition in the hall way to get the rubbish bins moved away from the premises.

Nursery fees



Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the direct debit payments this is our latest method of payment and is best form of payment as there is no under or over payments made. Also it automatically adjust its self which is beneficial to parents who's children are turning two as fees reduce and also to parents who receive the government funding.

Can I also please remind you that fees need to be paid in advance.

We are still collecting your old mobile phones to send off for recycling, so if you have any lying around please bring them into nursery so that we can dispose of them. By recycling the phones we also raise funds for the nursery which will be spent to enhance the provisions for your child development.

Nursery news

We will be holding a pyjama day for all children who attend nursery on the 24th September this is to raise funds for the new children's hospital in Manchester a donation of £1 is requested per child. We will also have a cake stall in the evening to help raise extra funds for this charity.

Kerry Ashton

The week commencing the 29th September we will be seeing some changes to staff, Kerry Aston who currently works at portico lodge will be joining the portico poppets team to gain more knowledge and experience of different age ranges with portico day nurseries. Sarah Jones will be moving to portico lodge, to work alongside their team.

Becca has also expressed her wishes to move into the pre school room to gain more experience and Paula will be working with the young babies in place

of Becca.

The winter weather is fast approaching and we ask if you could supply necessary clothing for your children:

- 1 Wellington boots
- 2 Rain coats
- 3 Change of clothing
- 4 Hat, scarf and gloves

To ensure children are staying healthy we like to promote their self help skills in nursery to do this we ask you to provide toothbrush, toothpaste and a face cloth for your child. (If you have not recently done so)

Can we put in a plea for heuristic materials these are natural object such as?

- 1 Corks
- 2 Shells
- 3 Pumice stones
- 4 Old pots and pans
- 5 Large metal and wooden spoons
- 6 Pieces of material
- 7 Old jewellery

May I also remind you that if you need to speak to me at any time and I am not around you can either leave a message with senior staff, Paula, Becca, Sam, phone nursery later that day on 01744 811112 or even leave me an email on

Vicky@porticopoppets.co.uk

Recipe of the month

Spinach and ricotta bake

Spinach fresh or frozen

Ricotta cheese

Lasagne sheets dry

Tinned tomatoes

Onion

Garlic
Mixed herbs

Cook spinach as directed on packet

In a separate pan lightly fry chopped onion and garlic and add tinned chopped tomatoes

Once spinach and sauce is cooked layer into oven proof dish separate with a layer of lasagne sheets

Add in layers of ricotta cheese

Top with grated cheese

Place in oven for approx 30-40 minutes until cheese is golden brown.

If any parents have change their address and contact numbers please could you fill in and return the slip below.

Regards
Vicki

Child's name _____

New address _____

New Contact number _____