



## Autumn newsletter 2009

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Welcome to our autumn newsletter,

### **Christmas holidays**

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all that the nursery closes on the 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and will re open on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**This year we will be holding our Christmas play on the following dates;**

**Babies and toddlers – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 2pm**

**Pre- school- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 2pm**

If your child is not present on the day of their play please could you bring them to nursery at 1.45 pm so that we can get them ready for their performance?

I do have to stress that due to the limited space within the setting we can only allocate 2 spaces per child, tickets will be distributed closer to the date.

*Our new winter menu has been devised and will soon be on display for you all, in the mean time if you require a copy please just ask and I will print them off for you.*

*If any of you wish for the recipes for any of the meals ask your child's key worker who will be of assistance and we will prepare one for you.*

### **Nursery fees**

All nursery fees are to be paid at the beginning of each month or the first day of the week your child is in.

If your payment is received after these days you are risking losing your child / children's nursery place and you will be liable to pay an administration fee on top of the fees you may owe.

**We do have a hassle free way for you to pay, just ask for a direct debit mandate from the office. This will ensure that you know your outgoing; on a monthly basis and you will not have to rush around finding cash machines etc.**

THE GOVERNMENT ARE CURRENTLY DECIDING IF THE CHILDCARE VOUCHER SCHEME SHOULD BE STOPPED! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIGHT THIS TO SIGN THE PETITION PLEASE LOG ON TO THE FOLLOWING WEB ADDRESS:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/keepvouchers/>

## **Building work**

**I would like to thank all parents for their patience whilst having the interior of the building updated, the interior work was finished last week and I'm sure you will all agree feels lighter within the nursery and opens up the building more.**

**The babies and toddlers have settled in their room and love to watch the older children through their windows – just take a look at the tiny handprints you can see all over the bottom of the glass.**

**Preschool children were amazed by how big their room looked, they have also enjoyed assisting Dave aka Bob the builder with drilling and hammering. Last week they all showed us their building skills indoors with the diggers and compost – the whole experience has been fun filled and very exciting for them, from their room being in the caravan (modular building) to having their photos taken whilst sitting in the diggers.**

**The outdoor area has now been started and is expected to be complete in 4-6 weeks time, in the meantime we are looking to take the children for a short walk to the park please can I ask if you have not already done so to sign and return the consent forms for outings and emergency first aid that were issued last week.**

## **Winter weather**

*With the cold winter weather upon us may I ask that all children are brought to nursery in clothing that is suitable for the weather conditions we will be expecting. Please ensure that children have coats within the nursery as we are still entitled to take the children out in various weather conditions, these often become valuable learning experiences for children.*

*Spare clothing should be provided for each child these need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and should be left in a carrier bag on your child's peg. If your child is toilet training you will need to provide a sufficient amount of clothing encase of any accidents.*

*Feel free to bring hat, scarf, gloves and wellington boots to keep within the nursery for your child.*

When all building work interior and exterior is completed we will be holding a big open evening for parents, children, the local community and other agencies that we have close links to, dates of which will be released when we have a completion date.

There have been a few separate incidents with regards to biting over the past few months and would just like to reiterate that this is often a stage that many children go through and is usually down to frustration due to lack of communication skills to express themselves. The policies folder that is always situated on the shelving in the entrance is continually updated and is there for your reference as much as the nursery staffs. Please feel free to have a look through this at anytime and if you wish for a copy of any policy for your reference please just ask.

### **Supervised tooth brushing**

**St. Helens and Halton primary care trust have recently visited the setting to carry out training with senior staff who have also trained all other nursery staff with their new campaign of “supervised tooth brushing.”**

**Children will shortly be supplied with toothbrush and toothpaste from the PCT to assist with “establishing a good oral health routine for children” this will be carried out in the nursery as soon as all materials arrive. There will be a consent form attached to the information that you will shortly be receiving that we will have to have signed for your child to be able to participate with this.**

**The information will be distributed to all as soon as it arrives.**

### **Comments box**

**In the next week I will be devising a new comments box that will be situated on the shelving in the entrance hall I would be very pleased if any comments you wish to make can be written on the paper provided and placed in the box. All comments are to remain anonymous and will be collected weekly; these comments help us improve on our practice to provide the best possible care for your child.**

If at any time you need to speak to me please do not hesitate to do so.

Kind regards

Vicki