



Welcome to our summer news letter 2010,

Firstly i would like to ask all our pre-school parents whose children are leaving for school this summer could you please put down in writing the date your child is leaving so that we can invoice you correctly and get deposits returned to you. We would all like to say good luck to all of our leavers starting big school in September.



We will be having a graduation party on Friday 16th July for all leaving pre-school children from 2.00– 3.15. Also on Friday 16th we have “Prestige Portraits” coming in to take childrens pictures, could we ask that pre-school children are brought in first for their photographs as we will be having a leavers photo, then after that any children who are not in on that day can come in and have their potographs taken, we will put up posters nearer to the time with more information on.

The reception teachers from Town Green School will all be coming to visit the pre-school leavers over the next few weeks to have song, story time with the children on different days so every child will be very familiar with their new teachers.

We have a lot of children moving up to different rooms over the next few months, we try to make this transition as smooth as possible with key workers planning the visits to the next rooms, we will inform you when your child is moving up to the next room and also how they are doing with their visits.

We will be joining in with the schools summer fair again this year so we ask if anyone has any donations for any raffle prizes that would be greatly appreciated. The Fair is on Saturday 10th July we will give you more information nearer to the time. If any Families are interested “Prestige Portraits” will also come in on the same day as the Summer Fair and can do full family photographs, so all grandparents and aunts/uncles can come along please let me know if you are interested and we can arrange for them to come in.

Also we will be having our own sports day this year on Friday 18th June for all children to

participate in, 2.45 – 3.15 please feel free to bring along grandparents, aunts/uncles friends etc. Any child who doesn't attend this session also please feel free to bring in your child for the races.

As the weather is becoming very warm now we will be going outside in the morning and late afternoon and avoiding 11-3 as this is the hottest time of the day, we ask that you send your child in with sun cream and a sun hat all labelled as if your child does not have any we will not be able to go outside.

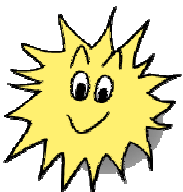
We are sending out our annual customer survey with this news letter so please take the time to fill out this as your opinion is important to us to help us improve our service to you. We will send out a feedback letter once we have them all returned.

Pre-school – Heuristic Play

Preschool children are making a sensory area so were are asking parents or carers for donations of shells, pebbles, sponges, wooden spoons, spatulas, metal serving spoons, pots/pans, colanders', whisks, also any old scarf's, materials, keys, any chunky bangles/bracelets, beads. Heuristic play is an activity which offers children the opportunity to explore various items using and developing their senses; touch, smell, hearing, sight and taste.

2-3's Room

2-3s are still completing their holiday wall so they would like any holiday pictures or postcards you have from any trips or holidays. Also 2-3's would like to say a big "well done" to all their children who have been potty training, they have all done really well and the girls are very proud of them. If you have any questions on potty training your child please ask the girls in your childs room also look on the notice board for helpful leaflets and advice.



Babies

Babies staff have asked if all their children could bring in family photographs to put up on our "all about me" wall, it is lovely for the babies to look at familiar faces during their time in nursery and helpful for settling them in.

SPARE CLOTHES

Can we all ask that if your child is sent home in spare clothes could you please return them as we don't have many spare clothes. Also please remember to send in a bag with your child each day with spare pants, top, vest and socks, as i am sure you are aware of how messy they can get outside in the garden or during messy activities as hard as we try most children don't like to keep aprons on.

For all our new families that have started with us recently, this year nursery will be closing on Monday 20th December 2010 and we will be reopening on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

OPENING HOURS REMINDER

Can we please remind all parents and carers that our opening ours must be kept to, we can not have any children in the building before 8.00am or after 6.00pm, also during school day and half day sessions these can not go over the stated times as we legally have to keep to ratios of staff and children.

FULL DAY – 8.00am – 6.00pm

SCHOOL DAY - 9.00am – 3.15pm

**HALF DAY – 8.00am – 1.00pm /
1.00pm – 6.00pm**

COOL MILK



We have just started the school milk scheme which provides us with fresh milk delivered daily so that all children are getting the correct amount of milk daily, we already ensure milk is available for breakfasts, drinks and in meals but this scheme provides enough for children to have fresh milk all day whenever they wish to have it.

STAFF INFORMATION

Just to keep you up to date with the staff in the nursery, Mylea is leaving us on Friday 28th May to have her baby so we wish her all the best of luck with her new arrival, we will keep you updated with any news off Mylea and also off Tash as we are awaiting the imminent arrival of her baby.

BABIES – Rachel Thomas level 3 (senior), Bekky level 2 - trainee level 3, and newest staff member Sarah level 3

2-3's – Mair level 3 (senior), Danielle level 3 and Elaine

PRE-SCHOOL – Jane level 3 (deputy), Francesca level 2 - trainee level 3 and Rachel Jones level 2 apprentice (who also helps in 2-3's of an afternoon) (please see attached info on qualifications)

Also our cook Amanda is starting her Early Years Foundation Degree so wish her lots of luck with her studies.

Staff Member of Quarter – Went to Rachel Thomas this term for her excellent attendance and time keeping, wonderful children's files, brilliant planning and her general positive attitude to her job, well done Rachel.

Room of the Quarter – Went to 2-3's this term for their wonderful displays, doing extremely well with potty training, settling lots of new children in, their prize for winning was " Mrs Georgina Whiskerson" our pet Hamster. Well done 2-3's

STAFF TRAINING – We are continuously encouraging our staff to further their training either via college courses or courses run by the local authority, recently we have had first aid training, experiencing the outdoors, your baby your responsibility, safer recruitment, PECS training, working together as a team, block play, and all staff attended observation, assessment and planning and welfare requirements. We have staff booked on more training in the near future, please check on the website for updates.

We will also be having a few students from Edge hill university and Southport college these are all fully police checked and are never left unsupervised with children, please ask the girls to introduce you to them when they are here.

WEBSITE

Please also remember to check our website www.Portico.biz for updates on training, nursery news and menus etc. Also please remember that i am in the office if you want to call in for a chat or alternatively email me on nicola@portico.biz

Thank you from Nicola and Staff