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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Summer 2008 Newsletter.

Firstly, just a few reminders:

We are holding a mini Olympics at nursery from the 11th August-15th August, this will enable all children to participate in all different fun activities and winning their very own gold medal! All the staff will be cheering the children on, and taking lots of photos!

We are happy to inform you that we are now offering a uniform top for the 2-3s room and Pre-School, the top is on show in the hall next to the 2-3s door, the price of the top will be £6.00 and a sweat shirt will be £9.00, please feel free to ask the girls on sizes and if you would like to purchase one. They are size 3-4 years.

Can we please ensure that we all remind ourselves to bring nappies and wipes in, when the girls inform you, as on a few occasions we have had to borrow someone else's - I'm sure you will all appreciate how expensive they are and that this is not fair.

The girls will always leave a note on a diary sheet and remind you all.

Opening times - morning session 8:00am-1:00pm and an afternoon session 1:00pm-6:00pm. We need to be strict with this to ensure our ratios are being met.



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Moving rooms

Samuel is moving over to 2-3's, Joe, Liam and Billy from 2-3's will be moving upstairs to Pre-School all visits have been going brilliantly and all the children are settled into their new rooms, Leilani will be having visits shortly over to 2-3's. Over the next couple of months children from babies and 2-3's will be starting visits to move up to their next room we would like to say good luck to all you children who will be starting a new adventure.

The staff have introduced a new transition form for when your child moves over, this will have on your child's favourite activities and information about your child, all children will have one when moving rooms, if you haven't already been shown your child's transition form please feel free to ask your child's key worker, so you can write any information about your child that will be helpful for when she/he moves rooms.

New Starters

Emma, Charlie, Halle, Jason and Liam all in baby room - we are pleased to say that they have all settled in well and are bonding with their new key workers. Also we would like to welcome Joseph who will be starting with us in the next few weeks.

School Leavers

We have got a few pre-school children who are leaving for 'Big' school, Abigail, Louis, Grace, Jack, Callan, Sarah and Libby, we all hope you have a brilliantly time at your new schools and make lots of new friends. We would also like to say a big goodbye to Michael P from Pre-School who is leaving to attend his new pre-school and also Jessica. Also, a big good bye to Leo.

School leavers will be having their very own mini party on Thursday 21st August. The fun starts at 2.00 o'clock - if your child is not in on this day please bring them along to join in on the fun and say good-bye to their friends and staff.



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Useful Websites

Whilst looking through our nursery world magazines we have found a couple of interesting websites for parents. The first one is for you dads out there.

www.fatherhoodinstitute.org. The website features lots of materials for you to look at.

The second website is www.parentsguidetomoney.fsa.gov.uk is the UK's financial watchdog and it has links to websites with information regarding tax credits, child benefit, learn direct, child trust funds, going back to work and rights at work. Just click on "are you a parent" and follow the links.

Don't forget our own website - www.PorticoDayNurseriesLtd.co.uk

This is updated every month with new pictures and information.

Balloon Race Update

A **BIG** thank you to all you parents and families for supporting us at the balloon race and making it a great success. We had a brilliant day and gave away some wonderful prizes. Adam's mum and dad won the 4 ball golf; Dean's dad won lots of prizes including the manicure! Matthew's dad won the facial, Jack's mum won the cut and blow, Samuel's nan won the Safari park passes, Poppy won the Farmer Ted's pass and Patrick and Rory won the Stockley farm pass. Libby guessed the name of the teddy which was Boo and took home a lovely big teddy. We hope you all have a lovely day with your prizes and congratulations to all our other winners. We raised a fantastic £200 for nursery. We have decided to buy a camera with the money to help us take photographs of your children to enable us to display them and put them in their files.



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Tesco Vouchers

Another **BIG** thank you to all parents who sent in their tesco vouchers. We raised a fabulous 8,000 vouchers and have ordered remote controlled cars. We are sure the children will have lots of fun using them thanks to you kind parents supporting us. Thank you again.

Upcoming dates for your diary

13th November - *Genuine Portraits* will be coming back to nursery to take photograph of your children to take away and for their artists to draw. They are quite expensive, but fabulous quality

MINI MAGINATION - children make a lovely picture and these get put onto Christmas cards.

Both of these will make lovely Christmas presents.

Wanted Items

It is that time again when we need to replenish our treasure baskets and ask you parents to send in any unwanted items around the house that our children could use to help develop their sensory skills. Items such as scarves, pans spoons (wooden and metal), corks, body brushes, body mops etc all these items and others would be greatly received.

Also we would like to ask any parents or family members if they have any unwanted children's school shirts as the children can use them during messy play.



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Staff Information

We would like to say well done to Linzi and Natalie who successfully completed their level 3 and Vicky has completed her level 2.

Victoria is currently completing her level 4 and Claire and Steph are going to start their level 4. Well done to Sarah who was awarded the Early Years Professional status.

Debbie is starting her A1 assessor's award and this will enable her to assess any students that come into our nursery.

So well done and good luck to you all.

Staff member of the month

Just a quick run down on the past and present staff member of the month awards

APRIL- LOUISE- for being a good role model, being enthusiastic, wonderful planning that is implemented well and regularly changing the art work in the room.

MAY- VICTORIA- for re-inventing the tidy up song, improvement in your planning and children's files, fantastic displays and she gets on with her work without a grumble.

JUNE- KERRY- for always being in the room and gathering relevant resources for your children, planning is always up on time, embracing the EYFS and implementing it into her room well.

JULY- NATALIE AND VICTORIA- for re-designing our outdoor area and coming up with some **fantastic** ideas and implementing them with the help of the children and making our garden a wonderful place to play and importantly- LEARN



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Well done to you all.



BIRTHDAYS

Sean, Jessica and Patrick Dears will be celebrating their 4th birthdays.
Joe, Liam, Billy, Leo, Grace, Olivia and Emily will be celebrating their 3rd birthdays.

Leilani, Samuel, Rory, and Holly will be celebrating their 2nd birthdays and Charlie will soon be celebrating his 1st birthday.

We would like to wish you all a very happy birthday and hope you have a lovely day.

THANK YOU

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