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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Summer 2009 newsletter.

Dates for your diary

This year nursery will be closing for Christmas on the 18th December 2009 and will re-open on the 4th January 2010.

We are holding a graduation ceremony for our pre-school children on Wednesday 22nd July 09 at 2.00pm. All children who are leaving for school will be invited along with parents and carers and then we will be having a leaver's party afterwards so parents are welcome to leave their children if not present on that day and collect them at 4.00pm. Pre-school parents should have already received a letter regarding this event but if you have not yet received a letter then please speak to your child's key worker.

Prestige portraits were in nursery on Tuesday 9th June 09 to take photographs of our lovely children. All proofs have now been sent off and will be expected to receive the photographs any time soon.

I will be off work as of Thursday 23rd July and returning back on Monday 10th August. Whilst I am away Vicki Cardwell the manager from Portico Poppets will be managing Lodge in my absence. Many of you know Vicki from over the years as she started with us when we first opened Lodge before being promoted and moving down to Poppets in Thatto Heath. Vicki will indeed introduce herself when she is here. So if you have any queries or questions then Vicki will be here to deal with any situation that may arise.



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N.A.Politis Director, C.E.Jackson Director

PARENTS COMMENTS

I would like to share just a few of the comments that I received back from the questionnaires I sent out a couple of months ago.

"The genuine enthusiasm of the staff-they seem to really care for all the children"

"The children are always keen to tell us what they have eaten at lunchtime and seem to really enjoy all the foods"

"Staff are genuinely interested in the children"

"My child gets excited as soon as he gets out of the car and we ring the doorbell! I would say he loves it"

"Staff listen to what you want for your child and they do follow your routine but they also give advice"

"Every member of staff is an asset to the organisation"

"Very warm friendly and helpful staff. Got a very good welcoming vibe"

"It is an excellent run nursery with friendly staff you can trust"

"Menu - excellent choice and very healthy"

As you can see we were all so pleased with the feedback we received. It gives us all a boost knowing that the job we do is so positively welcomed by parents as well as knowing that all staff are appreciated for all the hard work they do and the dedication that they give to each individual child on a daily basis.

Thank you to all parents for your support and feedback, all your comments are being dealt with.

Also well done to all staff for all your continued hard work and support over the last few months, it is much appreciated by me and Nicole.

This subject brings me onto the building work that is being carried out on nursery at the moment.

I, Nicole and Craig would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, patience and understanding whilst all this work is being done.

As you are aware this work is a necessary step in making the repair of the building back to a high standard. We had no alternative method of this work being carried out and unfortunately had to keep nursery open during this time. We would like to say thank you again to all parents, carers, children and staff for your support, it is warmly received by all.

We are looking at the work to be completed by mid September, weather permitting, and will be then holding our annual balloon race mid October. We will be teaming this event with an open day and will be inviting families and friends of the community to come and look round. I will be informing all of this event when we have a clearer idea of a completion date.

STAFF AND STUDENT UPDATES

Well done to Vicky Storey from baby room who won our staff member award for this term. Vicky won this award this month for her continued hard work in all aspects of her work and as grown with confidence in doing so over the last few months. She has been very reliable and is an asset to the company. Well done Vicky.

Over the next couple of months Linzi from pre-school will be covering at our Moss bank nursery on a Monday and Tuesday helping Sarah in her pre-school room. Whilst Linzi is there Kristina will be working alongside Natalie in pre-school. Kristina as covered at Lodge on numerous occasions and most of you will have met her before. All the children are very familiar with her, so if you have not already been introduced please ask a member of staff to do so.

Some of you may be aware that I now work Monday to Friday every week. I do however finish at 3pm on a Friday so I can pick my little girl up from school. So if an issue or query arises after this then please speak to Claire who will be in charge in my absence and she will pass any relevant information my way to deal with on Monday morning, however if it is urgent I have my phone with me at all times.

Over the next couple of months we will be losing some of our students as they will be qualified in the next couple of months but however as always we will be gaining some more in September. Staff will introduce you to them once they have started.

UNWANTED ITEMS

Yes its that time again when we ask for any unwanted items such as pots, pans, scarves, ladles and any junk modelling materials to replenish our baskets. All items will be gratefully received by staff and children.

PRE-SCHOOL FUNDING

All forms have now been sent off to park road so we can be awarded the funding for this term. Once we receive it we will issue funds to all children and all deductions will be seen on your invoices from September. For this term, 1st September to 31st December there is 14 weeks funding.

We have issued the funding as follows this term-

SEPTEMBER- 4 WEEKS FUNDING

OCTOBER- 4 WEEKS FUNDING

NOVEMBER- 4 WEEKS FUNDING

DECEMBER- 2 WEEKS FUNDING.

Once you filled in your claim form for your child this time round there will be no need to fill in any other forms whilst your child is here unless there is an amendment necessary and a change in your circumstances ie. Change of address or your child leaves to attend another setting. If any of your information changes please inform me as soon as possible and I will inform park road of the changes so it will not affect your claim for the period your child is attending nursery.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

We would like to wish all our pre-school children who will be leaving over the next couple of weeks the best of luck in their new schools. Most of the children have

been with us since being in the baby room and it has been a pleasure to watch each and every one of them grow into lovely little children. Please come back and visit us all soon.

Sean, Patrick D, Patrick H, Michael, Poppy, Mia, Daniel J, Joe, Caitlin, Liam, Harvey and Millie.
Good luck on your new adventure!!!!

Also, good bye to Amy and Matilda from pre-school room and Holly from 2-3's, they will be leaving us soon to attend another pre-school, good luck to you both and we will see you soon.

MOVING ROOMS

Over the next couple of months some of the children will be starting or have already started room visits and transitions. All key workers ensure that this is a smooth process and all the children move to their new rooms with ease over a period of time.

Luca, Halle, Ellie, Ciaron, Nathan and Emma will be moving to the 2-3's room over the next few months. Sam, Leilani, Megan, Dean, Rory, Grace, Lydia, Millie, Liam and Sara will have already or will be starting their

new adventure in their new rooms over the next few months.

Good luck to you all.

NEW STARTERS

Between now and November we have some new children starting our nursery-

Emily, Zachary, Nell, Albie, Scott, Annabelle, Henrietta, Elliot and Max.

We would like to take this opportunity in welcoming you and your family to our nursery.

BON VOYAGE

We would like to say good luck to the Preston family who have decided to take the leap and move to Australia for 18 months. We wish you all the best and please keep in touch.

BIRTHDAY TIME

*Sean, Patrick D and Poppy will be celebrating their 5th birthday
Billy, Grace, Olivia, Emily, Adam and Aidan will be celebrating their
4th birthday
Leilani, Rory, Holly, Grace, Lydia, Millie and Sam will be
celebrating their 3rd birthday
Nathan, Luca, Charlie and Halle will be celebrating their 2nd birthday
Elysee, Rhianna and Oliver will be celebrating their 1st birthday*

*Natalie and Victoria will also be celebrating their birthdays but they have
said I am not able to reveal their ages so just ask your children to ask
and they will have to tell the truth!!!!*

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

Finally if you have changed any of your personal contact details recently please could you inform a senior member of staff and I can update your child's file.

Thank you

Debbie x