

## Portico Day Nurseries Ltd

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Dear Parents

To start we would like to welcome you all back and wish you all a very happy new year.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This year we will be closing for Christmas on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Parents evening will be taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> March to give you all the chance to speak to your child's keyworker on a one to one basis and discuss any matters for the future.

The new EYFS Document will become a legal requirement in September 2008 and all staff are training now to implement this. We will keep you up to date with this and posters and information will be available at parents evening.

**Could all parents ensure that your child has a flannel toothbrush and toothpaste in nursery as these are used on a daily basis and need replacing regularly. Please ask your child's key worker if they have not informed you recently.**

**Could we also remind parents to ensure that your child has spare clothes in their bags as children still go out on a daily basis and as you can imagine get very muddy with the wet weather we have been getting recently.**

### STAFF INFORMATION

To remind all parents that Debbie and Claire job share the deputy manager position within nursery and if at any time Sarah is unavailable you can speak to them regarding any matter and they will do their best to help you.

You will notice new students around nursery wearing red tabards; these are our new NVQ 2 students. Please ask your child's key worker to introduce you if they have not already done so.

Well done to all staff who are currently training – Kerry, Louise, Nicola and Victoria, they are all working very hard and are doing extremely well- keep up the good work. Debbie is also set to start her A1 award so she is on her way to assessing students.

**Nursery is always looking for ways to improve so please if you have any ideas for anything you think we could use for example activities, recipes, games please use the suggestion box situated in the entrance hall or speak to a member of staff.**

**Hopefully you can see all the work being done to the nursery and we are in the process of having all new windows fitted all around the building.**



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Can we put in a plea for any old scarves, corks, spoons, pots and pans to enhance our heuristic and treasure baskets. These are a great way for our children to explore and investigate and to develop their language and sensory skills.



**We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents who supported us in collecting tesco vouchers we raised an impressive 3500 and our equipment as been ordered so watch out for photographs of the children around nursery learning to cross the road with real working traffic lights. Can we stress that we will not be taking the children out of nursery grounds to do this!!!! Apart from pre-school children who parents have given written consent.**

*For all parents with children that participated in mini maestro's we would like to inform you that this session has now stopped. We hope you are not to disappointed but we have decided to do our own sessions so all children can take part on a weekly basis within their rooms and we are going to come together as a nursery once a month to do a big music session. We feel this is more beneficial to all the children within the nursery.*



All children who have moved rooms recently have settled in well and we have a few more children getting ready to move rooms in the coming months so room visits will be starting in February so good luck to all you children. Parents will be or already have been informed of these changes. If you have any worries please speak to your child's keyworker who will be working closely with your child to ensure it is a happy and stress free transition.

**Can we please ask all parents who pay nursery fees using any type of electronic payment ie online banking and vouchers that they ensure your child's full name (rather than your own) is used as reference to able to Craig to identify whose account to mark the payment against.**



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Nursery will be celebrating Chinese new year which will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. All children will be participating in a range of activities including the dragon dance, making rat finger puppets, names in Chinese writing, eating traditional Chinese food and lots more. If you have any ideas that would be interesting for the children to do please inform a member of staff.



We would like to say big congratulations to Billy and his family on the birth of your baby sister Ellie Victoria weighing in at a healthy 8lb 3oz. I am sure you will join us in wishing them all well.

**Each time we send out a news letter we will now be adding a recipe that the children seem to enjoy in nursery for you to have a go at home. So thanks to Louise our wonderful cook she has given me an easy step by step guide to send home.**

### **3 BEAN CHILLI- approx 4 large servings**

1 onion  
1 clove of garlic  
1 tin kidney beans  
1 tin of baked beans  
1 tin of butter beans or dried butter beans soaked overnight then cooked for 60 minutes  
1 tin of chopped tomatoes  
Vegetable- any according to taste  
1 green pepper  
1 red pepper  
tea spoon of mild chilli powder- adjust to taste  
pinch of sugar  
squirt of tomato sauce

Fry the onion and garlic and add chilli powder and then desired vegetables- fry for 5 minutes  
Then add tomato puree, baked beans, kidney beans, butter beans and chopped tomatoes.

Add a pinch of sugar.

Simmer till all beans and veg are cooked

Serve with boiled rice.

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**BIRTHDAY TIME**

**We would like to wish a very happy birthday to all staff and children who have or will be celebrating their birthdays  
Dean and Sara who will be celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> birthdays  
Matthew, Joshua, Ryley, Prerna and Daniel who will be celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthdays  
Charlie, Patrick, Michael, Caitlin and Harvey will be celebrating their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays  
Sarah and Jack will be celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays  
Claire, Sarah, Debbie and Louise (Our fab cook) are celebrating their birthdays (you'll have to guess our ages – were not telling!!)**

To remind all parents of our nursery website and that it has been updated and new information will be added shortly. A reminder of our website address for your use is- [PorticoDayNurseriesLtd.co.uk](http://PorticoDayNurseriesLtd.co.uk)

Also can you please update information ie new mobile numbers incase we need to get in touch with you in case of an emergency.

Pease find a copy of one of our policies. We have decided to add a copy to each of our newsletters to keep you updated.

Please return the slip below to nursery if you wish to receive regular updates and information via internet at home rather than a printed newsletter every term.

Thank you

Debbie

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NAME:

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## BITING POLICY

Biting is a common problem among young children and it is neither sanctioned nor encouraged within the nursery. However, it is accepted that it is a part of some children's natural stage of development. It is not a malicious act from a child under 36 months and is usually associated with frustration, normally due to lack of language expression.

### **AIMS:**

To show children that biting is not an acceptable behaviour and to encourage children to see the impact that it has on others, becoming aware of their behaviour and actions.

### **PROCEDURES:**

- When a child bites two members of staff will deal with the situation.
- The children are separated and the child who has been bitten is taken away from the situation and comforted and tended to.
- The child, who has bitten, is moved to a quiet area. A member of staff will then explain that this is not acceptable behaviour; this is conveyed by tone of voice and body language using simple language as "not nice and hurt". We will also talk about using gentle touches and say you can kiss the arm or where ever the child was bitten. The staff member will never shout or raise their voice at the child.
- The children are then reconciled very quickly. This helps the child who has bitten to see what happens when you hurt someone. We may also encourage them to assist in the first aid off the child concerned. We generally find the child is very remorseful.
- We then encourage play again. This all will have a maximum time length of 3 minutes. We find it is not good to dwell on the matter to long.
- The incident is logged in the accident book.
- When parents come to collect children, both parents of the children are informed. We will endeavour to do this as privately as possible. The other child will not be identified. This will obviously be an exception if they are siblings.
- We will keep a close eye on any incidents and if it appears a child is biting a lot, then we will start an incident book, tracking each incident to see if a pattern appears i.e. if the child is tired or hungry. We will then be able to work with this information and form an action plan. We will work with the parents to ensure this approach works.
- It is recommended not to approach the subject with the child at home. A two year old that bit at 11.00am with have no concept at 6.00pm that the incident is related.



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