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Welcome to Portico Poppets news letter for spring 2009

Firstly welcome to all our new starters, as well as children you will also see some new faces around the setting as we now have three Child care students who are training with us they are, Danielle who has been with us for approximately three months, Marcos who has been with us just over one month and also Becky who has recently joined the group. Marcos and Danielle are currently working between rooms and Becky is based in the older room.

General



Please can we have sun creams for you child/children as summer is approaching and in the warm weather children will not be able to play outdoors without sun protection? As a childcare setting we recommend that the sun cream provided should be a factor 30+ to help protect your child's skin from sun damage.

Please could you also ensure that your child/ children are sent to nursery with sufficient supplies of nappies, wipes, creams, underwear and spare clothing as children do have accidents and will get messy during some activities that they take part in?

Baby and toddler room parents



Plases could you provide your child/children with new water cups, if you wish for your child to start using a beaker ("big cup") please speak to the staff in their room.

Pre-school



If you have not recently done so please could you provide your child/children with new tooth brush tooth paste and face cloth?

Events

The nursery has recently joined 'the big tidy up' scheme in the near future our older children will be getting out into the local community and doing some litter picking events. There will be risk assessments carried out prior to this and children will be issued with tabards and gloves. More information will be available about this in the next month or so.

Fees

Parents who have been with us for the past few years will be aware that we usually have a slight increase in nursery fees around February every year; however this year due to the current financial climate we will not be revising this at the present time.

Can I also remind you all that the nursery is not insured to have children on the premises before 8am and after 6pm. If you are running late we need to be informed, **late collection fees will be issued.**

Summer menu



Over the next few weeks the nursery will be compiling recipes for the summer menu, I would be very grateful if you have any suggestions. When the menu has been devised I will put copies under the menu board for all and if you wish for any of the recipes please do not hesitate to ask.

Questionnaires

I have attached a copy of our annual questionnaire to this news letter, as part of our self evaluation of nursery we welcome parent's views and take these into account. I would be very grateful if you could complete and return the questionnaire before the 20th April 2009.

The information collected will help us improve our practice and try and cater for your personal needs.

As part as our ongoing practice we also have parent's comments books allocated outside each room and a comments box on the shelving unit in the corridor. I regularly check these but there doesn't seem to be any feed back in them, a simple comment is all we ask, for instance if you where pleased with an activity your child has done or you have an idea for us to use, all entries can be anonymous.

School/ pre school leavers



If your child will be leaving the setting this year due to school etc I will require notice of there leave date as soon as possible and at least a month before they leave. You can either pass these dates on to your child's key worker or pass them directly to Paula or me.

Internet shoppers

If you are an internet shopper why not register to this site www.ibelongto.com and help raise money for portico day nurseries limited.

The site will allow you to join a group and raise money for it via purchases you make online. All instructions are clearly printed on the site.

The cause for our group is to raise money for outdoor improvements, it doesn't cost anything to and there are no hidden charges on your purchases.

Regards

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