



Welcome to the spring newsletter 2009



We would firstly like to ask for sun creams and sun hats as the weather is becoming hotter and our garden is almost completed we will spending a lot more time out in the garden. Can we also ask you to make sure these are labelled. The children absolutely love the new areas, and can't wait for the last few jobs to be finished which are permanent sand and water areas, a climbing frame with soft flooring around and areas for the children to plant their own vegetables and flowers.

Congratulations to Billy and his family on the birth of his beautiful baby sister Nancy, and also good luck Elliot and Alex and both their families, on the imminent arrival of their baby brother or sister in the next few weeks.



Could we remind all parents that the school day session finishes at **3:15pm** and the morning session finishes at **1:00pm**, as we are now nearly full we must ask that you keep to these times to keep with our child and staff ratio's. Thank you.

Please can we ask for your help in gathering items for our treasure baskets / heuristic play.

- Baskets containing natural objects – for our toddlers. We are looking for items such as pinecones, corks, feathers, boxes, pots, containers, scarves, brushes, metal and wooden spoons, shells, ribbon, tins, curtain rings, different materials etc. Heuristic play supports young children's exploration and learning and is an activity where they will discover and experiment with objects.

STAFF

Sadly Rachel is leaving us in May, she is spending the summer working abroad, we wish her lots of good luck and hopefully she will be back to see us after the summer season. So in May the staff will be -

Staff in baby room – Hannah, Laura and Nicola (Deputy Manager)

Staff in 2-3's – Simon and Mair (Senior)

Staff in pr-school – Jane (Senior), Elaine and Tash (Senior)

We also have a lot of students doing their training here with us, all are police cleared and are never left unsupervised with the children. Please ask the girls to introduce you to the students.

We now have our own gate leading directly into nursery now, this will be open from 8:00am until 9:00am then from 3:00pm until 6:00pm any time in-between we will be operating a buzzer system. Can we also remind you not to park on the yellow zig zag lines as it obstructs the neighbour's pathways and also no parking in Sagar Fold.

Can parents making permanent changes to their child's sessions must be put in writing with four weeks notice. Thank you.

At Portico Day Nurseries we have annual fee increases at the end of March, however due to the current economic climate we have made the decision not to enforce this policy until further notice.

Thank you from Nicole, Nicola and all the staff.