



Portico poppets summer news letter

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Dear parents/carers

Welcome to our summer news letter.

Events

29th July

The great balloon race



I have attached balloon purchasing forms to the back of the news letter. Each balloon will cost £1 to be purchased; the balloon which travels the furthest will receive a prize of £10.

On the 29th at 6 o'clock the nursery will also be holding a prize draw raffle; tickets can be purchased nearer the time. We have lots of family prizes so please ask friends and relatives to come along as well to join in the fun.

Sadly we will be saying "good bye" to our pre school children who will be leaving to join their big schools in September. They will be missed by all staff and children; we wish them the best of luck and hope they will call in to see us in their uniforms.

Nursery news

We now have a new cook her name is Rachel and she is the sister of Becca from the baby room.

Von left as her husband was unwell but she would like everyone to know that she loved the time she spent here and will miss all the lovely children.

The nursery has now got a new summer menu with even healthier meals on, these include;

- Salmon, spinach and lentil risotto
- Creamy cauliflower and potato curry with chick peas
- Fish Florentine with mash potato
- Sweet and sour chicken with rice
- Spaghetti bolognaise
- Oriental fish and noodles
- Summer veg fusilli
- Couscous with chicken and roast veg.

If you wish for a copy of any of these recipes please ask myself or member of staff and we will provide you with one as soon as possible.

I would like to say “thank you” to the parents who brought back their questionnaires we value all your comments. There were over 50 questionnaires sent out and we received a poor response of 9 back.

Nursery is currently in the process of having an optional uniform designed and will so be available for you to purchase. These will only be available in ages 3-4 years.

The nursery now operates a strict no smoking policy (this will come into full effect from the 1st July) it states that until a staff / student shift has finished and they are out of nursery uniform that they are not allowed to smoke. We have been made aware that carbon monoxide stays toxic for 2 hours after smoking; this is hindering the health of the smoker and the people they come into contact with.

The nursery is committed to helping the staff and enhancing their health, therefore there will be support offered and time off for appointments to help them quit smoking nursery will honour this.

Reminders

I would like to remind all parents of session times.

Morning session 8am-1pm

Afternoon session 1pm-6pm

Full day session 8am-6pm

These sessions are set as we have a limited amount of spaces available for each day. Please can we ensure that we are sticking to the set session times?

Please remember that all the nursery policies are displayed in the entrance hall for you to access. If you wish for a copy of any policy I will be happy to print these off for you at any time.

Baby/toddlers

Paula and staff have asked if you could supply a picture of your child to go on the new birthday board which the children have created. Also if you have not recently done so can we have a new beaker, face cloth and juice cup for your child?

We need your help

Can I also put out a pledge for plastic bottles and containers as Sarah and charlotte are going to be making a role play science laboratory for the children to do some investigating in.



Attached to this newsletter is a mobile phone recycling bag and also a information letter, As we have now signed up the fones4schools campaign, this will assist with teaching the children about recycling but also help our environment as the phones are sent away to be safely destroyed of. The campaign has a good incentive and if your child recycles a phone they will receive a prize from the company.

We would be grateful if you could spread the word to family and friends if they have any phones to recycle.



Recipe

Summer veg fusilli

Fusilli pasta
Green beans
Courgettes
Mange tout
Crushed garlic
Red peppers
Sweet corn
Fresh basil
Crème fraiche
Lemon

- Cook pasta as directed on pack
- While pasta is cooking lightly fry sliced courgettes, and peppers in a little olive oil and water to stop it sticking
- Cover and reduce heat to simmer until tender
- Add green beans, mange tout and sweet corn to pasta for last five minutes of cooking
- Drain pasta and veg keep some water aside for sauce
- Add lemon zest and lemon juice or crème fraiche and freshly chopped basil plus the reserved water to the courgettes mix
- Stir the mix into the pasta and serve

Regards

Vicki