



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2010, firstly I would like to wish you all a happy new year.

Dates for your diary

Christmas holidays 2010 are as follows – nursery will close on **Monday 20th December 2010** and will re open on **Tuesday 4th January 2011**

Precious moments will be visiting the setting on **27th January**, they will making a DVD adventure of each child further details will be available closer to the date.

1st April a portrait company will be visiting the nursery and they produce hand drawn portraits of the children. We have used this company for many years now and you are under no obligation to buy. Again more details will be available closer to the time.

30th March we will be holding our annual parents evening time slots will be allocated closer to the date.

Building work

I would like to thank all the parents for their patience whilst the interior work was being carried out. Most of the exterior work to the garden is complete although due to the weather we have experienced over the past few months we will only be looking at laying the turf in the spring months. The new fencing is due to be with us at anytime any hopefully in the very near future we will see the new parking bays allocated for parents and carers to use.

Once the fence and parking bays are complete we will be holding an open day for parents, carers and the local community.

Detail updates

If you have recently moved, got a new home, mobile or work number then please inform the nursery in writing so we can update our files. It is vital that these are updated in case of an emergency.

Can we put in a plea for any old scarves, corks, pots, pans, whisks etc for our heuristic basket? These are a great way for our children to explore and investigate and to develop their language and sensory skills.

Celebrations

During the next few months we will be celebrating various festivals such as Chinese New Year in February, the nursery will also be looking to extend the children's knowledge on various cultural traditions. We are aiming to focus on a new country each month to build on our knowledge as well as the children's and to promote inclusive practice. We will be sampling food from various countries, looking at the traditional dressing for celebrations and how to greet others in their home language.

Comments box

Our comments box is now up and running, it would be very beneficial to the nursery if you could use it to help us improve our practice. You may wish to write a comment about what your child has liked in nursery, a new recipe idea for us to use, an area you feel we need to improve on or even an idea for the children from what you have done with your child at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that all our policies are procedures are displayed in the hall on the information shelves, if you ever need a copy of any of these please do not hesitate to ask.

If you would like to receive letters, invoices etc via email please contact me on Vicki@portico.biz with your name and email address.

Parents in the 2-5's room will soon be receiving a information letter with regards to activities you can do at home with your child to enhance their learning.

Regards

Vicki