



Mulberry Bush Nursery Group

Walshaw Nursery Newsletter

Mulberry Bush Nursery, Walshaw – Parent Newsletter December 2008

Welcome

We would like to welcome all new parents to the nursery. We hope your children enjoy their time with us and that you feel happy with the care they receive.

LEA Grant

Pre-school children aged three and upwards are eligible for a government grant in the term after their third birthday. It is organised by the nursery and just requires your signature on a form. Everyone who is entitled to the grant in the Spring Term will pay reduced fees for a period of 10 weeks starting week commencing Monday 5th January 2009.

Christmas parties

The children's Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th December. Toddlers will have their party on the Tuesday and Pre-School will have theirs on the Friday. The Kindergarten parties will be split between the two days. Lists are displayed in each unit showing the full details. Father Christmas will be dropping in!

Christmas closure

As mentioned in February's newsletter, the nursery will be open on Christmas Eve but will close early at 3.00pm. This will give all of our staff a guaranteed early finish. The nursery will re-open at the usual time on the morning of Friday 2nd January 2009. We do not charge fees when the nursery is closed over the Christmas period.

Early / Late session

The early session starts at 7.30am. If you come into the nursery before 8.00am we will assume your child is on the early session. The late session starts at 5.30pm. If your child is still in the nursery after 5.30pm we will assume your child is on the late session. The late session finishes at 6.00pm. There is no need to pre-book to use one of these sessions. A small fee will be added to your next monthly payment if you do use one of these sessions.

Vacancies

There are only a few limited vacancies in the nursery on a Monday and Friday. If you would like to increase your child's attendance or change their days, please see Paul or Stacey as soon as possible. Any previous special offers for introducing a friend's child to the nursery have now expired.

Letters and Sounds

Our Pre-school unit has used the Oxford Reading Tree and Jolly Phonics system to help children learn the alphabet and to encourage early language development. Letters and Sounds is a new six-phase teaching programme designed to help teach children how the alphabet works for reading and spelling. Phases two to six are designed for schools and phase one is designed specifically for young children and concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills, phonological awareness and oral blending and segmenting. We are starting to implement this new programme over the next few weeks.

Car park

The entrance to the nursery looks a lot smarter with the new fence and paving. The entire car park surface has also been resurfaced. We have asked all of our staff to park on Stewart Street in order to leave the car park completely free for parents. There are two parking spaces at the front of the nursery and a further seven spaces at the rear with room to turn around. This should make it safer and more convenient as well as reducing congestion on Stewart Street. If grandparents or friends are collecting your child please let them know about the car park.

Uniform

We hope you like the new staff uniform. It has our new logo on and looks a lot brighter than the old one. The old uniform is still being worn until the end of February and then all of the staff will wear the new one. The managers also have a smart new uniform as well and should help them to stand out!

Reminder

Winter is definitely here so please make sure your child has a warm outdoor coat along with a hat, gloves and a scarf. The children will play outside everyday unless it is raining very heavily.

