



## Mulberry Bush Nursery Group

### Walshaw Nursery Newsletter

#### **Mulberry Bush Nursery, Walshaw - Newsletter Oct 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.

#### **Training**

Stacey Russell has resumed her Foundation Degree after the summer break and has also enrolled on an E.N.C.O. course (Equalities Named Co-ordinator).

#### **Refurbishments**

The new room in the Kindergarten unit has been completed recently. It is carpeted and will be used as a cosy room for the youngest babies. Work has started on the new fencing and paving at the entrance to the nursery. The car park will also receive a facelift.

#### **Prams and buggies**

If it is necessary to leave your child's pram or buggy at nursery during the day, we would be grateful if you would collapse it down and store it safely in the reception hallway.

#### **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 very limited vacancies in the nursery at the moment. If you would like to increase your child's attendance or change their days, please see Ann or Stacey as soon as possible.

#### **Children's photographer**

The photographer will be in nursery on Thursday 9th October to take your child's photograph. If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Thursday please arrive for 9.30am. It should only take a short amount of time so you will be able to wait with your child. There will be a number of options available for you to order and they do make great little Christmas presents. Please return your order form and cheque, made payable to H. Tempest Ltd, to Ann or Stacey as soon as possible.

### **Floppy**

The Pre-school unit has a new toy dog called Floppy, the same as in the Oxford Reading Tree stories. The children will take it in turns to take Floppy home at weekends. Floppy has a collar, lead, bowl, toys and even his own diary. With help from enthusiastic parents, children can record their adventures with their cuddly friend, using photographs and souvenirs. The idea is to help children talk about home life and gives them all a shared interest.

### **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.

### **Harvest**

Pre-school are currently discussing the Jewish New Year, Eid and the Christian Harvest festival. A hamper will be presented by a number of children to a local sheltered accommodation for the elderly. It would be appreciated if anyone would like to bring in an item for the hamper.

### **Transfer of units**

Many children transfer units at this time of year. They have several tasters in their new unit and the vast majority settle in immediately. If you have any concerns please speak to the Head of Unit.

### **Christmas parties**

The children's Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday 16th and Friday 19th December. Further details will be available nearer the time. 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.

### **Reminders**

- Winter is the way 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.
- Please keep your child's pumpbag stocked with spare clothes, socks, underwear. Staff will inform you if there is any dirty washing to take home. Please just take the dirty washing rather than the pumpbag itself.
- To celebrate their child's birthday many parents like to bring in sweets or chocolates to give to the children in the unit. In line with our healthy eating policy could we suggest bringing in stickers instead.