



Mulberry Bush Nursery Group

Whitefield Nursery Newsletter

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Training

We would like to thank all of the staff who have recently attended training courses on the new Early Years Foundation Stage. The EYFS curriculum will become mandatory in all nurseries from September 2008. We introduced the EYFS in September 2007 in all of our nurseries. This has enabled us to regularly review our paperwork so that it is accurate and up to date and all of our staff are familiar with it in time for September 2008.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening was very well attended by both parents and grandparents. Hopefully you enjoyed the evening and found time to chat to your child's key worker to discuss their development. Many parents took the opportunity to look around the rest of the nursery and to meet other members of staff. We would also like to thank all of our staff for making the night a big success, especially after a busy day at work.

Leavers' dates

If you know the date your child will be leaving the nursery this summer, please let Nicola or Sara know as soon as possible. This will allow them to amend your Direct Debit and to take into account your two-week advance payment. It also allows us to keep those on the waiting list informed of a possible start date.

Leavers' photograph

We hope you like the leavers' photograph. It will no doubt become something for your children to treasure in years to come! Your copy is available to buy from the office and costs £8.00. Please make any cheques payable to 'H.Tempest Ltd'. The photographer will be back in nursery to take individual photographs of all the children on Tuesday 30th September 2008 in time to give out as Christmas presents!

Leavers' party

Many of our Pre-school children have been with us from being young babies. Time seems to go so fast and it's hard to believe they'll be off to school in September. We are sure that they will all settle into their new schools very quickly and continue to enjoy their learning experiences. Every year we hold a party for all the children that are leaving to go to school. This year's party will be held on Wednesday 25th June. Full details will be displayed soon.

Charity Event 2008

Since we first started fundraising we have raised more than £40,000 for over 35 charities. Last year we raised a combined total of £3,343.40 for the Headway charity. This year we would like to donate the money raised to an orphanage in Africa. We would like to set up an ongoing link so that we can see exactly how the money has helped. We hope to give further support to the orphanage in the years to come. If you have any information or knowledge of this area please inform Nicola or Sara.

The children are asked to wear certain colours and are sponsored on how many items are worn in those colours. This year it will be held in the week commencing Monday 2nd June. Your child's sponsor day will be their last day of attendance that week, so for most children it will be Friday 6th June 2008. This year the colours will be based on a summer theme: **RED, ORANGE** and **YELLOW**. By now you will have received a sponsor form so please help us to make this year's event another big success.

Soft play surface

We hope you like the new colourful soft surface playground. It will help the children build in confidence as they climb on the new climbing frames and try out the new cars and bikes. The main advantage this surface has over grass is that the area can be used in the wet. It also provides an opportunity to talk about submarines, seaweed and creatures that live in the sea!

Vegetable patch

An area by the entrance gate has been designated as a vegetable patch where the children will soon be able to grow their own vegetables and plant flowers. This will help encourage an interest in healthy eating and an awareness of how plants grow.

Reminders

- During any hot spells of weather please apply suncream to your child before they come into nursery. We will then apply more cream later in the day. Try to cover delicate areas such shoulders with loose fitting cotton T-shirts.
- On a child's birthday, parents will often bring in a cake to be shared with all of the children. This is completely okay, however, in order to comply with our healthy eating policy could we ask that you do not bring in chocolates or sweets to be given to the children at the end of the day.
- Please refrain from bringing toys and teddies into nursery in the morning. The nursery is very well equipped and your toys may end up getting lost or mixed in with nursery toys.