



Mulberry Bush Nursery Group

Tottington Nursery Newsletter

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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

Kirsty Robinson and Lisa Round have resumed their Foundation Degree after the summer break.

Children's photographer

We hope you are pleased with your child's photograph. There are 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 Avril or Kirsty as soon as possible. The photographer will be back in nursery for the 'Leaver's Photograph' on Wednesday 20th May 2009 and the individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th September 2009. Remember these dates when booking next year's holidays!

Vacancies

There are only 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 Avril or Kirsty as soon as possible.

LEA Grant

All of the 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 ten weeks starting week commencing Monday 5th January 2009.

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.

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.

Nativity play

Rehearsals for the pre-school nativity play have started in earnest so don't be surprised if your child starts singing Christmas carols at home! The play will be on Friday 5/12/08 and will be held in the school hall of Tottington High School, Laurel Street. It will start at 2.00pm and finish about 2.30pm. Everyone must be away before 2.50pm as the school buses arrive to collect the high school children and Laurel Street becomes very congested. Equally please do not arrive too early before the performance. There will be nowhere inside for you to wait. We will have the usual collection for charity.

Christmas parties

The children's Christmas parties will take place during week commencing Monday 8th 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 and will enable them to make definite arrangements for the afternoon. The nursery will re-open at the usual time on the morning of Friday 2nd January 2009.

Pumpbags

Please keep your child's pumpbag stocked with spare clothes, socks, underwear, etc. Staff will inform you if there is any dirty washing to take home. Please just take the dirty washing rather than the pumpbag itself. Space on the pegs is limited so unless your child is in the Bobby Bear room of the Kindergarten unit please do not leave any additional bags on your child's peg.

Reminder

Winter is on 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 very heavily.