

# Mulberry Bush Nursery Walshaw - Newsletter October 2009

## **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.

## **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 Nicola or Sarah as soon as possible. The photographer will be back in nursery for the 'Leaver's Photograph' on Wednesday 19th May 2010 and the individual photographs will be taken again next year on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th September 2010. Remember these dates when booking next year's holidays!

## **Pre-school extension**

Work is progressing behind the scenes with regard to the extension and we expect that the new modular building will be craned into position over a weekend in November. We're hoping that the new building which will be used for the older toddlers and the Pre-school unit will be fully up and running in January 2010. Work will also commence on expanding and refurbishing the existing Kindergarten unit by extending it into the space currently occupied by Pre-school in the main building. Any questions on any aspect of the impending changes, please let Nicola or Sarah know.

## **Outdoor play**

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, work will continue on the outdoor play space once the extension has been completed, including a hill, a tunnel and a slide!

## **Limited Vacancies**

There are some limited vacancies in the nursery. If you would like to increase your child's attendance or change their days, please see Nicola or Sarah as soon as possible. Obviously there will be more vacancies available after Christmas when the extension is in operation.

## **Harvest Festival**

All three units are currently discussing the Christian Harvest festival. A hamper will soon be presented to Farraday House. Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the hamper.

Farraday House is part of the Abbeyfield Society which operates four houses providing sheltered accommodation for the lonely and the elderly in Bury. Farraday House gives the elderly independent living in a secure and private environment.

## **Transfer of units**

Many children transfer units at this time of year. They have several tasters in their new unit and the vast majority of children settle in almost immediately. A member of staff from your child's current unit will go with them on these taster sessions to help reassure them in the new unit. If you have any concerns please speak to the Head of Unit.

## **Kindergarten Unit daily reports**

We are planning on introducing on a trial basis, notebooks for children aged twelve months and under. The idea is to send them home with children every evening and be brought back by parents every morning. Both staff and parents will be able to use the notebooks to pass detailed messages regarding sleeps, bottles, changes etc. which will be particularly useful when different people pick up and drop off.

## **Christmas parties**

The children's Christmas parties will take place during week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be available nearer the time. Father Christmas will be dropping in!

## **Christmas closure**

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. If this will cause you a problem please see Nicola or Sarah so that late cover can be arranged. The nursery will re-open at the usual time on the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## **Parking**

Wherever possible could we please ask you to park on the nursery side of the road or to use the nursery car park so that local residents can park outside their houses.

### **Reminders**

Winter is on the way so please make sure your child has a warm outdoor coat along with a hat, gloves and a scarf (labelled with their name). The children will play outside everyday unless it is raining very heavily.

If your child suffers an injury at home, please remember to point out the injury to staff when dropping off your child. This will allow the Head of Unit to assess the injury and to decide whether or not a 'Pre-existing injury form' needs to be completed.

If your child is on medication or cream, please could you bring in the box and leaflet as well as the medication. Often there are more detailed directions on the box and leaflet than on the container itself.

When bringing in spare clothes for your children's pump bag, please ensure that you do not leave plastic bags in pump bags or on children's hooks as these could pose a safety risk to the children.

### **Song of the month: Tic tac too**

Tic tac too, Tic tac too, Tickety tac, Tickety tac, Tic tac too

Is (child's name) at home? Yes sir s/he is!

And can s/he mend my shoe? That s/he can do!

With here a nail, there a nail, Tic tac too!!