

Mulberry Bush Nursery Whitefield - 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. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

Change of rooms

There have been a number of changes to the way the rooms are being used within the nursery. The Toddler unit is now based in the Wise Owls room in the recent extension. The Pre-school children are now split between the Wise Owls room and the Rainbow room. The staff worked very hard to implement the changes and the new layout seems to be working very well.

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 relevant Head of Unit.

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 Stacey or Sara as soon as possible. The photographer will be back in nursery for the 'Leaver's Photograph' on Thursday 27th May 2010 and the individual photographs will be taken again next year on Tuesday 21st September 2010. Remember these dates when booking next year's holidays!

Lack of Vacancies

Due to the popularity of the nursery, we do not have any vacancies at the moment. If you are having a younger sibling or planning a younger sibling then please let Stacey or Sara know as soon as you can to give us the best chance of finding you a place.

Harvest Festival

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

Rachel House is part of the Barnardo's North West Homelessness project. It is a supported housing project for homeless young people, or those threatened with homelessness, aged between sixteen and twenty one.

Christmas parties

The children's Christmas parties will take place during week commencing Monday 7th 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 Stacey or Sara so that late cover can be arranged. The nursery will re-open at the usual time on the morning of Monday 4th January 2010.

Kindergarten Unit daily reports

Children aged twelve months and under now have their own notebook that will be sent home with them 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.

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!!