



Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter for the Autumn term of 2015.

It's the beginning of another school year and we have lots of exciting things planned to make this term extra special. We said a sad goodbye to our leavers on Graduation Night where all the children received a certificate, a photograph of them in their graduation gown and a dvd of all their happy times at the nursery. It is always sad for us to see children go, especially as many have been with us from being a baby but we are always really proud to see how they have grown and developed and become ready for school. We also miss the parents as we do form good relationships with them and it is sad to think we will no longer see them!

We have had some new equipment installed at the Nursery. The first is the artificial lawn at the far end of the garden under the silver birch trees. The children love to roll on it, play on the huge soft play toys on it, have circle times on it, listen to stories on it and have picnics on it. Now before you all give a sigh of relief and think "Hurray, no more mud!" I also have to tell you that we have a new mud kitchen! The children love to play with mud! Our custom made mud kitchen allows them to role play cooking with mud and they have pots, pans, kitchen utensils and water to play with along with the mud. This reminds me. Please don't send your child to nursery in their best clothes!! We play with mud, paint, glue, playdough and glitter. None of those things are great for new clothes! Old clothes and, as the weather gets cooler, suitable outdoor clothing that you don't mind getting mucky are best!

The Baby Room has not been left out. The babies have a new outdoor climbing frame which they love along with a big mat made of the same artificial lawn material so that they don't miss out on the grass.

Staffing wise we have said goodbye to 2 of our long term staff this year. Claire decided that she needed to work closer to home after having her second baby (she was catching 2 buses each way to get here!) and Gemma decided she needed a more diverse setting in order to further her studies. We were very sorry to lose them both but we are still happy to report that our nursery has a host of long serving staff who have been more than capable of filling those shoes. Lucy will be coming back to us in November from her maternity leave. She will be working on a part time basis and will jobshare the role of Nursery Manager with Lisa Robson. We look forward to seeing her back soon.

A gentle reminder for all you parents and carers. We do operate a self registration system. The children all have a laminated name tag on the board in the main entrance. We would like you to encourage your child to find their name tag every time they come to Nursery and then take it off the board to put on the clothes rack. This helps the children to recognise their name and is a valuable skill that you can help them to develop.

We applied for and received a donation of £50.00 towards the cost of hi-vis jackets for the children to wear on outings from the Blakemore Foundation which is the charitable arm of the Spar shops. As the afternoons get darker earlier these jackets will make our children extra safe on our many outdoor trips. Our jackets will have the nursery name and phone number on.

Look out for more notices regularly in the main entrance in the weeks to come!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 1/9/15: Beginning of new term. Funding begins for 2,3 and 4 year olds.
- 11/9/15: Forest School visit
- 29/9/15: European Portraits photo session.
- 30/9/15: Clothing collection for Starlight charity.
- 2/10/15: Diwali celebration day - Indian food tasting and other activities.
- 12/10/15: Disney dress up day for Crackerjack charity.
- 22/10/15: Beautiful Lifestyle Photography
- 26/10/15 - 30/10/15: Half term week. No funded places during this week.
- 5/11/15: Remembrance Day activities
- 6/11/15: Bonfire Events day - BBQ, cakes etc...
- 11/11/15: Feast of St Martin - Caribbean food tasting
- 16/11/15: Review Week. A chance to speak to your child's Key Person and discuss your child's development. Please make an appointment.
- 26/11/15: Tickhill Together late night opening. Children singing in St Marys Church at 6.15pm
- 30/11/15: Halloween Party
- Theatre trip to be arranged
- 7/12/15: 2.30pm Nativity
- 9/12/15: 2.30pm Nativity
- 11/12/15: 2.30pm Nativity
- 17/12/15: Christmas Party 1-4pm & a visit from Father Christmas at 2pm!
- 18/12/15: Christmas Jumper Day
- 21/12/15: Christmas Dinner
- 21/12/15: Last day of funded sessions for this term
- 23/12/15: We close at 6pm for Christmas

I'm sure we will have more events to add to this and we look forward to another hectic and fun filled term!

