



Wilsic Road Day Nursery

Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter for the autumn term of 2008.

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new children who have started at the Nursery since the last newsletter. There have been quite a number of you and you all seem to be settling in really well. Although it is always very sad to see children leave and go to school, it is always exciting to see new faces!

Speaking of new faces, we do have 2 new members of staff to introduce to you. Faye joined us in June. She is a fully qualified Nursery Nurse with experience of working in both a private day nursery and also in a pre-school. She has already displayed very good creative skills and is very popular with the children. We also have Sophie who is a Nursery Assistant and she joined us in August. She has recently moved here from Oxfordshire and also has 2 years experience of working in a private day nursery. Her interaction with the children is lovely and I am sure that both Sophie and Faye will settle in well.

It is an exciting time at the Nursery! We will be undergoing a bit of a transformation over the next 6 months. Firstly, we will be installing a new 6 metre square outdoor parasol. The parasol will allow us to extend our activity space quite substantially. New Ofsted guidelines stress the importance of giving the children access to the outdoors at all times regardless of the weather. While during the summer months this has not been a big problem, the autumn and winter seasons can be quite wet and make it hard for the children to access the outdoors. We will be providing a mobile cloakroom under the parasol so that the children can put their coats and outdoor gear on while they are outside and return them to their pegs when they decide to come back in.

Also in our development plan is the provision of a separate area for the school children who come to the Nursery. They will have a partitioned area with their own storage cupboard for age appropriate toys and activities. They already have a member of staff for themselves during their time here but they will now have their own area.

New storage drawers which will allow the children to see what is contained in them are coming in too. The new Early Years Foundation Stage is about having activities that are 90% child led. The children are to be allowed to select far more frequently what they want to play with. Activities chosen by the children will then be expanded by the staff. The staff are undergoing training for this in house with Lisa who is our Early Years

Professional.

The under 2's are not to be neglected either. They will be getting a fenced off area of the garden so that they can leave their toys outside. The area will be just outside their back door and will allow them to access the outdoors at all times too.

All in all, we are having a bit of a facelift in order to meet the requirements of the new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). If any Parents or carers are interested in finding out more about the EYFS please see Lisa or Jo as we do have a dvd that is available for you to borrow to find out more.

We have made some changes to our meals. The tea-time snack has always been a selection of sandwiches followed by a biscuit. We have now devised a menu varying from soup and bread to wraps with cheese or ham and salad to dips and vegetable sticks. A full menu is on display in the Nursery. Feedback from the children has been excellent!

We are taking part in some charity sponsored events. The first of these is Beep Beep Day in aid of the Brake Charity. This is a charity which has been set up to raise road safety awareness. We are also running a "Think Pink" for Breast Cancer Awareness Day. This coincides with Halloween and our 8th anniversary of having the Nursery. We will all be "in the pink". Children are asked to come in something pink and we will be having a party day with a pink Halloween theme! Finally, we will be running a Bright Colours Day in aid of Children in Need. The children will be asked to come in fancy dress in bright colours. We do not expect everyone to donate to every one of these 3 events but if you feel that there is a particular cause that we are covering that is close to your heart, please help us to make that day a success.

Christmas is coming! We will once again be taking part in the Tickhill "Christmas Spice and All Things Nice" event. Many people commented that one of the highlights of the event was seeing the children from the nursery acting out the Christmas story. Rehearsals will start in October and we will be allocating parts. Once again, we would like parents to dress the children up in costume for their nativity.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd Oct: Beep Beep Day! Sponsored walk around the village in aid of Brake.

Friday 31st Oct: Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day/ Pink Halloween Day

Friday 14th Nov: Children in Need / Bright Colours Day

Thursday 27th Nov: Christmas Spice & All Things Nice

Monday 24th Nov: 9.00am Beautiful Lifestyle Photography

Monday 22nd Dec: Children's Christmas Party with an extra special guest!

Tuesday 23rd Dec: Last Nursery day before Xmas. Re-open Monday 5th Jan 2009!

