



Newsletter

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As autumn breezes in and I am told that there are now only 10 weeks left for shopping until Christmas I thought I had better get my termly newsletter out to you!

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new parents and children to the nursery. The autumn term is a time of change for us as we wave goodbye to children leaving us to go to school and we welcome our new additions. The newsletter, which I am sure you will have seen in your registration pack, is my way of communicating events and happenings to everyone so that, whether you come to us once a week or every working day, you get a good idea of things that have been taking place and are going to happen!

Since the summer term, we have had some visitors to the nursery. Firstly, we had Michelle Hinton, our local health visitor, come to the Nursery to talk about healthy things to do such as brushing your teeth and eating lots of fruit and vegetables. The children enjoyed listening to Michelle and she entertained the children by measuring them and generally chatting with them. We also had a visit from the road safety ladies who brought along a roll up pelican crossing and traffic lights. They discussed how to cross the road safely with the children and gave practical demonstrations which the children participated in using their props. Photographs of both of these visits can be seen on our website soon...

Some of you will already know that our Deputy Manager, Lisa, has been very poorly and has had to have a stay in hospital. She is recovering at home but will not be able to come back to work properly until late November. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her a very speedy recovery and also in telling her to rest!!! While I am on the subject of Lisa, I am very proud to be able to tell you that Lisa is one of only 3 practitioners in Doncaster to have qualified for Early Years Professional Status. This means that she is qualified up to a nursery teachers level and can now be responsible for training other nursery nurses in other settings. Well done Lisa!!

There have been a few new faces at the Nursery covering staff absences due to courses and holidays. I do know that it can be unsettling for parents to see new faces but it's necessary in order to maintain our staff ratios. We do have a new permanent member

of staff to introduce to you. Jo is based in the Main Nursery and she has plenty of experience working in the private day nursery sector. She already has an army of fans who love her making playdough for them and singing a whole range of songs we never heard before! Also working for us on a part time basis is Natalie who has come back to Nursery Nursing after a career break. She was previously a Nursery Deputy Manager and is working in both the Main Nursery and the Baby & Toddler Rooms. Her calm and reassuring manner has endeared her to the children already.

The Baby and Toddler Rooms have, until now, been run as 2 separate areas. However, we are now changing that so that the 2 areas are combined as one to provide a messy play area for all of the under 2's and a carpeted quieter room for them all to enjoy. This also means that parents will not need to walk all the way through the Toddler Room to get to the Baby Room as they are now all one big area.

Dates for your diary:

Genuine European Portraits will be coming on Tuesday 23rd October at 10.15am.

Nursery Fancy Dress Anniversary Party on Friday 26th October

Tempest photographers will be coming in on Tuesday 13th November.

(All portraits and photos will be ready before Christmas for you to send to friends and relations for Christmas!)

Nursery mini Nativity Play as part of "Christmas Spice & All Things Nice" on Thursday 29th November from 5:30pm. Time of performance to be confirmed.

Nursery Christmas Party and visit from Santa on Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Spice is a new, hopefully annual, event run by all the small businesses in Tickhill. Most of the town centre shops will be open until 8pm, there'll be carol singing, the Church will be open with the country market selling gorgeous cakes, jams and savouries, there'll be face painting, children singing from Estfeld and St Mary's schools, hot chestnuts, a brass band and mini rides and lots more! We are hoping to put on a mini nativity in St Mary's Courtyard with children from the Nursery taking part. This event is on Thursday 29th November from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Come along and give us your support!

Speaking of Christmas!.....We will be closing for the Christmas period from the close of business on Friday 21st December at 6:00pm and we will not be re-opening until Wednesday 2nd January at 8:00am. This allows us to refresh the whole Nursery and carry out maintenance work. It is the only time of year where we close for any real length of time and it is the only way we can give the whole Nursery a thorough revamp.

Lastly, we will be celebrating 7 years of having the Nursery at the end of this month (and there really is no significance with the date and us arriving!). We plan on having our annual fancy dress party on Friday 26th October. The children are invited to dress up as anything they like - not necessarily Halloween as some of the little ones find it a bit scary. The staff and I will all be dressed up too and there will be music, dancing, games and prizes so get sewing (or cheat & go to the supermarket!).

If anyone would like to discuss any matters with me just ask!

