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# Wilsic Road Day Nursery

## Newsletter

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Happy New Year everyone! Haven't we had a great Christmas? The snow was a really unexpected bonus and we had tremendous fun playing snowballs and making a snowman. Well it's back to work now and time for a termly update...

First of all I would like to boast about the award which we won in November. Our Nursery won the award for "Workforce Development & Training" from the Early Years Development and Care Partnership. This award was given in recognition of the ongoing training and development programme offered to all our staff. The Nursery has ( I am sure you've noticed ) got a very low staff turnover and this is in no small way partly down to the fact that the staff here are actively encouraged to take advantage of the many courses on offer to them. It is a policy of the nursery to pay employees while they are at a training course, often meaning that I have to pay for a supply member of staff as well but I do think that the continued success of the Nursery depends on the calibre and overall happiness of our staff. So, well done to us!!!

Lisa, who has been with us for 3 years in February, has been promoted to the post of Deputy Manager. She is well qualified for the post and an established member of the team. With Gemma happily settled into her post as Manager, Jessica very happy in her role as Senior Nursery Nurse and Emma doing a great job of running the Baby Room, we seem to have all of our senior posts well and truly sorted.

Talking about Emma, our Baby Room continues to go from strength to strength. Places are all full and I would seriously advise anyone who would like to have their baby cared for at the nursery to put their name down AS SOON AS YOU CAN as they are highly sought after!

Most of you will be aware that I have been heavily involved in a road safety campaign whose main objective was to give Tickhill a crossing for everyone who has to cross Doncaster Road to get to Estfeld School. After initially being promised 2 pedestrian refuges, the council has now put us onto a back burner because of a minority of objections to the refuges. I am, of course, making moves to get the campaign , and the very real

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need for a safe crossing point along Doncaster Road back on track. I have been in touch with Caroline Flint's office who will be working with me and Graham Fox to try and get a result! I will keep you all posted on this one and I am making it one of my New Years Resolutions to sort this out!

We currently have some young new faces in the Nursery. Two of them are students studying for their NVQ's. They are both on placement with us from Doncaster College and may well, at some point, need to approach you to ask you questions. Please help them out if you can! Our third face is Kayleigh who is with us on placement from Balby Carr School. She has actually been with us for quite a while now and is really popular with the children and also the staff. She is also hoping to go into a career in childcare.

We will soon have a further new face in the Nursery. For those of you who have not been aware, I have actually been combining my role with that of the cook since June which has been keeping me out of mischief! I am however now finding that my administrative role requires more of my attention. We will be having a lady called Diane joining us on a trial basis to take on a dual role. She will be our cook but she will also be a Nursery Assistant. Her background, as both another nursery's cook and as a scout club volunteer make her an ideal candidate. Diane will be starting with us on a part time basis which will then become full time as we get to February.

At the end of last year, many of the children and virtually all of the staff were struck down with a really nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug. I would like to say that our 1.5 week break should have seen the last of it but it is still going around. Can I please remind everyone that if your child has been sick, it is very important that you do not bring them back to the Nursery for a minimum of 24 hours from the last incidence of sickness. So, for example, if your child was sick at bedtime you cannot bring them to Nursery the next day even if they were not sick during the night. This is the best way to prevent infections from spreading.

And finally...I am going to have to apologise to you all in advance for the building work that is due to commence on my house at the front of the Nursery entrance above the gates. It is going to be messy (when isn't building work messy?) and I know that it will cause some disruption but I do hope that we can keep it to a minimum. Our builders are well known to all of you who already have children at the Nursery and they do try to be considerate.

As always, if any of you need to have a chat with either myself or any member of staff about any questions or worries that you may have please come and see us. If we can't see you on the spot, we will always do our best to organise a time as soon as we can.

