



Wilsic Road Day Nursery

Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter for the autumn term of 2009.

Firstly, 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!

There are some really exciting changes about to take place at the Nursery! Doncaster Early Years and Doncaster Council, along with funding from myself and John are giving the Nursery a fantastic facelift!

Firstly, our whole toilet area will be totally renovated. Custom made cubicles, brand new toilets and sinks and a hand drier along with a nappy changing unit and a new floor will bring us bang up to date!

Secondly, the entire floor is going to be replaced. The Nursery is 19 years old this year and the floor surface has been well and truly downtrodden! We have chosen a very attractive but practical wood laminate effect commercial non-slip vinyl as used in hospitals and schools to replace our old floor.

The furniture in the main nursery is to be replaced with solid wooden chairs from Community Playthings along with matching tables that can be adjusted to various heights to suit different age groups. A whole range of toys and equipment will also be purchased.

Our outdoor grassed area is to be replaced with wetpour in a lovely bright green. This porous and hardwearing surface will allow us to use the grassed area in wet weather and a range of outdoor toys such as a trim trail and a static train will be added features. Large planters will give the children the opportunity to grow flowers and vegetables while a sensory garden will give them the chance to experience different textures.

Our wooden fence and storage sheds are to be replaced by a brick wall and a single outbuilding to house all our equipment in one place. All in all its going to be a very busy few months!

Now, I do know that some of you may be concerned that this will mean closure at some point in order for the work to be carried out...IT DOESN'T. The Nursery will remain open as work to the toilets and floor will be undertaken at the weekends.

Other changes include our staff uniform. The staff have chosen a lovely new uniform. From the middle of October the staff will be wearing lilac polo shirts with our distinctive yellow handprint outlined in purple. Black fleeces, trousers and shoes are to be worn with this. Again, the fleeces will have our name and logo on them. The children will all be given purple baseball caps with our yellow handprint on them to wear on outings or on sunny days outside. The caps will help the children to "stand out" as one of ours when we take them on trips around the village.

Finally, I do have a couple of staff promotions to announce. Lisa Robson, who has been with the Nursery for 6.5 years and is our Early Years Professional has been promoted to the post of Nursery Manager. I will still be managing the administrative side of the business but Lisa will be our official Nursery Manager. Also, Jo, who has been with us for 2 years has been promoted to the post of Deputy Nursery Manager. Jo is also beginning a degree in Early Childhood Studies which can only help to carry on improving and developing the care that we give to the children. Gemma is also beginning her NVQ Level 3 at Doncaster College and we wish her the best of luck. Both staff will continue to work full time during their studies (keeps them out of mischief!). The Nursery is also delighted to welcome back Donna and Sophie who were both away on maternity leave. They are both returning on a part time basis and are already back in the swing of things!

Well, that's all from me for now. Watch out for notices giving you more news!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th Oct: Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Wednesday 28th Oct: Beep Beep Day

Friday 30th Oct: Halloween Party and a celebration of John & Sue having the Nursery for 9 years!

Thursday 12th Nov: Tempest Photography in from 8:30am (photos will be ready for Xmas).

Thursday 26th Nov: Christmas Spice & all Things Nice. Tickhills annual late night Xmas event. At 5.30pm our children will be performing in St Mary's Courtyard outside Nordest.

Monday 23rd Nov: Review week. Parents can come and see their childrens' observation files and talk to their Key Person.

Monday 14th Dec: Childrens' Christmas Show and parents are invited to stay and have a good look around the Nursery.

Monday 21st Dec: Christmas Party in the afternoon featuring a visit from our very special guest....

Tuesday 22nd Dec: Childrens' Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 23rd Dec: Nursery closes for the Christmas holidays from 6:00pm. We will re-open on Monday 4th January at 8:00am.

Here's to a wonderful Autumn term!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue". The letter "S" is large and loops around, with the name "Sue" written in a cursive style to its right.