



# Redhill Day Nursery

## Newsletter

### December 2014



## 1 more sleep to go.....



With tonight being the big night all of us are extremely excited. We have been enjoying a huge range of festive fun activities throughout the nursery and today is no different. For the Mummies and Daddies that have to work up until the last minute we are making Christmas eve as fun as possible for all the children until they are collected from nursery.

## Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of December we held our first ever Christmas Fayre. I would like to say a huge well done to all my staff and a massive thank you to all our families for making it such a huge success. There was festive food and fun on offer for everyone and we all had such an amazing time. I would like to say a special thank you to those of you who donated to the Bournemouth Echo toy appeal, this helped us to make a difference and bring a smile to the faces to lots of local children this Christmas. We all did so well that we made the local news and are already looking forward to doing it again next year.



[bournemouthecho.co.uk/news](http://bournemouthecho.co.uk/news)

**SET IN EXTENSIVE GROUND...**  
**REDHILL DAY NURSERY**  
**Never Too Early to Leave Your Baby Safe...**

**'Tis the season to be jolly generous**

**CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**

**Parents of youngsters at the Redhill Day Nursery have collected several hundred gifts for the Daily Echo Toy Appeal.**

**Mr Dowden said this year's fair was organised as the nursery had now become so busy there was not enough room for their usual Christmas activities.**

**The event, which ran from 10am to 1pm, included a host of festive-themed activities and games, including a search for reindeer food, sensory bottle making and a visit to Santa's grotto.**

**For mums and dads there were home-baked mince pies and mulled wine.**

**Youngsters from the nursery will be putting on their nativity plays today and tomorrow.**

**The Toy Appeal, which is now in its 18th year, will see toys and clothes donated to those who might otherwise have nothing to open during the festive season, including women in refuges in Poole and Bournemouth and, for the second year running, children forced to spend their Christmas in hospital.**

**Poorly youngsters and their siblings will be given the presents through the Amelia Grace Rainbow Fund, set up in the wake of eight-year-old Amelia Grace Cooper's death three years ago from an aggressive form of childhood cancer.**

**Her mum Chanel Cooper has said that presents for babies and teenagers would be particularly welcome.**

**Last year more than 10,000 gifts were donated to needy youngsters throughout Dorset.**

**Overragged presents can be handed in at the Daily Echo offices in the Dolphin Centre at Richmond Hill.**

**CONTACT ME**  
 t: 01202 411255  
 e: will.frampton@bournemouthecho.co.uk  
 twitter: @echowill

## Nativity Stars



Last week our Eldest children performed a short Nativity called 'The Snowman at Sunset'. The children performing this year of which many have only recently turned 3 did an amazing job and sang their little hearts out. There were proud tears from their families and lots of applause for their efforts

## BACS and Card payments ONLY

From January 2015 please remember that we will no longer be able to accept payments made via cheque or cash.

All payments can be made via BACS direct to the nursery or via your employers nominated childcare voucher system. Our BACS details can be found on the bottom of your monthly invoice.



## Referral reward



Well done to our first family who benefitted from the referral reward this month of £100 as a thank you for referring a friend to Redhill Day Nursery. Well done, thank you and keep referring!

## Food hygiene – full house!

Last week our Ringwood Nursery had their food hygiene inspection and along with our Verwood setting and us here at Redhill we have all achieved the highest rating of 5 stars in 2014



## Sad farewells

Our Chef Phil is moving onto to pastures new and will sadly be leaving us at Christmas. Phil has been such an asset to the nursery and has successfully gained a 5 star rating for his food hygiene inspection for 3 years in a row and has helped us implement a wonderful menu for the children (and staff!). I am sure that he will do well in his new role as Chef Manager at Bournemouth Collegiate School, but I also know he will miss many of the children and the staff too!



Replacing Phil is Angela Eastwood. Angela comes to us from the Harbour Heights Hotel where she held the position of head pastry chef for 8 years. She has been working alongside Phil which has allowed her to get to know the kitchen and us as well all in preparation for her first day on January the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing both Phil and Angela all the best in their new roles.

We are also saying goodbye to Heather. Heather has been part of the Redhill team for quite some time now and has progressed through the nursery from supply staff to room supervisor. Heather however wants to continue to study and the hours here do not allocate her enough study time. So she is off to work in a small term time pre-school. We would like to take the opportunity to wish her all the best and remind her she is welcome to pop back and see us any time.



I would like to congratulate Lesley who will be taking over as Room Supervisor, we know she will do a great job. I would also like to welcome Laura and Kirsty to the team. Kirsty will be based in our pre-school and baby room and Laura will be based in our toddler room. Both ladies come to us with lots of experience and are looking forward to being part of our team.

## ??Baby News??



We can finally let the cat out of the bag and are excited to announce that in 2015 our lovely Maree is due to become a MUMMY!!!! Baby is due on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and Maree is hoping to keep working up until the first week in May.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate her and Dave and hope you will send your congratulations too!

## First aid training

We are also offering parents the opportunity to undertake a full paediatric training course. Our staff have to retrain every 3 years and a course is being held at our Ringwood Nursery over 2 days the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February at a cost of £40 per person. If you would like to know anymore please just speak to Katie.

## Christmas closure dates

The nursery will close on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> December and we reopen on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January with the funded sessions commencing again from the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## Events for 2015

*Dates for your diaries for next year:*

- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February** – First Aid Course
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- **April** – photographer (date to be confirmed)
- **Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May** – parent's evenings (whole nursery)
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August** – Leavers party (4 year olds)
- **Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October** – parent's evenings (whole nursery)
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Pumpkin week
- **November** – Children in Need
- **November** – photographer (date to be confirmed)
- **December** – Christmas activities

**That's all for now**

**We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year**

**Katie, Maree and the Redhill team**

