



# Redhill Day Nursery

## January 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016, it has been a busy start to the New Year here at Redhill. We would like to welcome the new children and their families to the nursery who are settling in well and enjoying the variety of fun activities.

### A fond farewell.....

As you are aware, Katie will be leaving Redhill Day Nursery in March to take on the role of Manager at our Ringwood Nursery. Whilst she is very sad to leave Redhill, she is very excited to start a new challenge, managing a larger nursery within the Day Nursery Group. As most of you will now know my name is Victoria Hepworth and I am the new manager at Redhill. I have been working in the early year's sector for over 15 years, with previous managerial experience. My most recent role was Operations Manager for a group of nurseries and out of school clubs.

I am really enjoying my time at Redhill so far and looking forward to getting to know the children and families. I feel privileged to be working alongside such a great staff team and plan to continue the good provision of learning opportunities to support the children's development during their early years.

### A new chef for Redhill....

At the beginning of January, we said a sad farewell and good luck to Angela our chef. Angela has moved on to work with Bournemouth Churches Housing Association, providing meals to several refuges and hostels in the Bournemouth and Poole area. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.



Replacing Angela is Jack. Jack joins the Day Nursery Group as a very skilled chef having gained a Diploma in Professional Cookery in 2014. His forte is pastry and confectionary and we are already enjoying some lovely cakes and deserts.

He has settled in so quickly and has already become part of the team. Jack and Ben, our gardener have discussed the crops that will be planted this year which include sweet potatoes, courgettes, peas, beans, leeks, strawberries, raspberries and (fingers crossed) a pumpkin too. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming Jack to our team.

## Room updates.....



### **Exploratory Play!**

This month, the children in Ruby Room have been developing their interest in exploratory play; mixing, squeezing and swirling a variety of textures, including; lentils, tea bags and oats. The babies have gone abstract with their art creations this month creating masterpieces with the paint, salad spinner and bubble wrap.

Throughout February the babies will be participating in activities for Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Valentines' day. We will also be extending their interest in messy activities exploring lots of new textures including mushy peas. We will be caring for dollies, encouraging the babies to feed them, wash them and invite them to join in with the messy play.

We would like to say a warm welcome to Ethan who has joined Ruby room this month and is settling in really well.





## “Say cheese!”

The toddlers’ have shown a keen interest in the camera this month. The staff have been encouraging the children to learn how the camera works, take selfies or photos of their friends and enjoy looking through the photos they have taken.

Popular activities this month have included; stickle brick painting and cling film sensory play. Cling film sensory play is when a textured item is placed under cling film for the children to explore. It is a particularly good activity for children who are not keen on messy play as it gives them the opportunity to explore a variety of textures whilst staying clean. It is also great activity to do at home too as there is less clearing up 😊

The children have also enjoyed baking raisin loaf and getting messy with jelly play.

Throughout February the toddler room will be looking at Chinese symbols and trying new foods for Chinese New Year and making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.







## New interests!

Upon returning to nursery after the Christmas holiday, the children were so excited to share with their friends and us, the fun they had. The children's interests have changed during the break and staff are now planning and developing activity ideas based on these.

A lot of the activities have involved the children being creative and using their imaginations to; create models with Lego, pictures with tap tap art and form patterns on the peg boards. The children have also been keen to practise their early writing skills and letter formation.

Throughout February pre-school will be continuing to follow their interests and staff are planning focused activities involving writing and drawing. We will be doing activities for Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Valentines' Day, along with various messy activities.

We would like to welcome Poppy, Maya and Lacie who moved up to Diamond room this month.



Have you recently changed your mobile phone number?  
Have you moved house or changed jobs?  
Are the details for your emergency contact correct?  
Please let us know your new details, so that we can contact you at all times.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our activities and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Redhill-Day-Nursery/242037515846120>



### Autumn term summaries

Have you all managed to access your autumn term summaries? If not please let us know and we will point you in the right direction. These summaries provide details of where your child is currently at in terms of their development within the early years foundation stage. If you have any queries about the reports, please do not hesitate to ask.

### About me

Have you had time to complete the 'About Me' section on Tapestry yet? We would appreciate it if all parents would please take the time to complete this information about your child.

You can access this through the browser page <https://eylj.org/login/>

If you then click on the 'children' tab a card will appear. On that card are the words 'About me' click on those words and it will open a form for you to complete.



### 'Like' button

Have you noticed the new 'like' option on Tapestry? If you don't have time to leave a comment but want us to know you've read an observation you can simply click on the like button.

### A polite reminder

Please can we remind you to ensure that your child is provided with spare clothes during their session at nursery. Also, if you are having a clear out and have clothes that your child has grown out of, all donations to the nursery would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

### Dates for the diary.....

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** We would like to remind you that the funded period finishes on this date. Therefore, if your child/ren are in receipt of funding during term time only, please note they are not booked to attend nursery week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, which is spring half term. Children will re-attend w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please be reminded that the end of the spring term and last day of attendance for children in receipt of funding during term time only will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Events for 2016

Month	Event	Date
February	Shrove Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> February
	Chinese new year	Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> February
March	World Book Day	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
	Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
April	Creature teachers visit for our older children from some insects creepy crawlies and small furry animals	TBC
May	Parents Evenings	Dates and times TBC
June	Queens 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations	Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> June
July		
August	Graduation Party for our School leavers	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August
September	Guide dogs visit	TBC
October	Nursery Photographer	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Pumpkin Week	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October
	Parents Evenings	TBC
November	Children in need	Details will follow
December	Annual Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December

**That's all for now**  
**Victoria and the Redhill Day Nursery Team**

