Redhill Day Nursery News Spring 2011

Welcome to our spring newsletter. As always, we welcome any news or articles that you may wish to add.



Welcome

Welcome! We'd like to offer a warm welcome to Emma Groucutt who has joined our team. Emma is working alongside Pat, Lisa and Chris in our toddler room and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills. I hope that you will all join us in making her feel at home.

A big thank you

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who so generously gave us gifts at Christmas. You were all very kind but also responsible for the increase in waist sizes!

Lots of fun had by all

The nursery was filled with fun and laughter as parents and relatives enjoyed our festive activity sessions. These were a great success and we hope that everyone that attended had as much fun as their children. If anyone has any feedback that they would like to share with us this would be much appreciated. We need to decide if we will do the same this year or brave a nativity play instead!

Recommend a friend

Some of you have been busy telling everyone how wonderful we are and as a result have been rewarded with a free session as a thank you. Anyone who recommends a friend to Redhill Day Nursery and that person mentions your name at the time of booking will also be rewarded with a youcher.



Celebrations

Over the next few months the nursery will be celebrating lots of festivals and celebrations. The first of these will be the Chinese New Year of the

Rabbit during which the children will have opportunities to make and taste Chinese food, make rabbit masks and a Chinese dragon and take part in Chinese dancing.

During the week commencing the 28^{th} February the nursery will be celebrating World Book Day and on Thursday 3^{rd} March we would like the children attending to come either dressed as their favourite book character or bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. The staff will also be dressed up on that day too!

The Royal Wedding will then be upon us and we will be marking the event with a trip to the local church with the older children and holding our very own wedding and party.

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Exciting news

For those of you who haven't noticed, my expanding waistline is not just due to Christmas chocolate. I am expecting my first baby due on the 5^{th} May.

My maternity leave will begin on the 15th April when I will hand the nursery over to the very capable hands of Vicky, Maree and Pat. They have been working together as the senior team since the nursery opened in 2010 and I have no concerns that they will continue to run the nursery in the same way as it is operating now with the continued support from Neil.

I will be returning for a few days during November and then back to normal in December. Just in time for Christmas!

Bournemouth Early Years Setting Annual Review

On the 18th January the setting underwent a review carried out by members of the Bournemouth Borough Council Early Years Team. The review focused on the successes and challenges from our first year.

The review was a great success and it was felt that -

'The setting is a quality provision with a positive staff team, lead by a confident manager who has a clear understanding of the strengths and priorities of the nursery'

If you would like to see the full report, please just ask for a copy.

Door security

The safety and the security of all of the children in the setting is paramount. Please ensure that the front gate is securely bolted on BOTH SIDES when entering or exiting the building. Please also be vigilant when entering the building that you do not allow someone to enter without first altering a member of staff.

Changes to our menu

From this week we will be introducing new meats to our weekly roast dinners. The children will now have the opportunity to try Pork, Beef, Ham and Turkey. Roast is already the most popular meal in the nursery and there are never any left over's!

Sainsbury's vouchers

Sainsbury's will soon be giving out their Active Kids vouchers each time you shop. The nursery will be collecting these vouchers again this year, so please help us save for some new equipment.

That's it for now! From Rachel and the team at Redhill Day Nursery