



Redhill Day Nursery Newsletter Summer 2013

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break, and enjoyed lots of chocolate. I think the weather is improving, and the summer might finally be on its way.

Please remember we do provide sun hats and sun cream for all children. Our sun cream is hypoallergenic, however if your child has sensitive skin and you would like a skin patch test please speak to a member of staff.

Staff Changes

As I'm sure you are all aware, just after Christmas we had to say a sad goodbye to Pat. This of course left a gap in the toddler room's team. I am happy to say that we have given the role of Toddler Room Supervisor to Maree. She is very excited and really looking forward to supporting the staff and children within this room.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Gemma to the Redhill team. Gemma has taken on the role of third in charge and Baby room supervisor and she is keen to share her wealth of experience and new ideas with us. Gemma worked as a baby room supervisor a previous setting. I have been fortunate enough to work with Gemma previously and I know she will be a great asset to the nursery. We would also like to say a big congratulations to Louise who has been promoted to pre-school supervisor.



New adventures in the Nursery Garden

We have made lots of changes to our nursery garden throughout 2013. We are very excited about the new 'mud kitchen' in the back garden. The children have really enjoyed making mud pies, with saucepans and spatula's and cooking them in the muddy microwave for everyone to share. In the quietest corner of the garden, if you're really still you may meet our fairies in the new fairy garden, they have their own magical fairy house and they watch over the colourful windmills. We also have big chalk boards that are hung in the garden permanently for all of those spur of the moment masterpieces! We're also continuing to develop



the baby garden with herb pots, sensory bottles and lots of other sensory materials. The baby garden will also have its own sand pit for the babies to explore too.

Nursery Toddle Success

I am very proud to announce that our Nursery toddle raised a fantastic £455 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was a hugely successful day, and everyone had so much fun. We were fortunate to have the sun shine all day too.

We will be inviting a Guide Dogs rep into nursery very soon to present them with a giant cheque, we want to take lots of photo's that will be shared with you all. Once we have a confirmed date we will let you all know. The children will get a chance to meet two experienced guide dogs. We will be sure to take plenty of photos to share with you all.



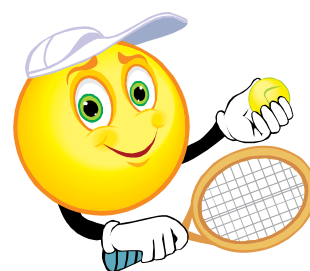
Toddler Explorer Sessions coming soon.....

Due to the brilliant response we have had to our 'little explorers' sessions, we are going to be holding a course of Toddler Explorer sensory sessions. The sessions are for children ages 20 - 30 months will involve all sorts of fun activities like messy play, mark making, singing, dancing, and lots more. Each session will have a theme and your child will have the opportunity to take any creations home.

The sessions will be held on Saturday mornings at 9am for one hour. The first session will be on **Saturday 25th May**. Spaces are limited but please pass our details on to friends and family with toddlers. You do not have to be enrolled in the nursery to book on to the course. If you would like to book a space for your child then please don't hesitate to contact us on **01202 577788** or **info@redhilldaynursery.com**.

Craig Sports

The children have had so much fun this term with Craig from our Verwood Nursery. They've all really enjoyed learning about how to be healthy, why we exercise and joining in with lots of sports. Craig will be changing to Tuesday Mornings every four weeks from Tuesday 21st May. This will give other children the opportunity to join in the fun.



Additional sessions

Please remember if you require additional sessions we can book your child in if we have availability. Additional sessions can be booked no more than two weeks in advance due to the constant changes in our permanent bookings.

If you require an additional session, please see myself or Maree.

Methods of payment

We want to make you aware that like most other businesses we are looking to go completely electronic in the near future. This is due to the fact that cheques being phased out by most major banks. Over the next two months we will be attempting to significantly reduce the amount of payments by cash and/or cheques.

To do this we need your help and would prefer you to pay your child's nursery fees by BACS, childcare vouchers and/or debit/credit card (please remember if you pay by credit card you will incur a 2% charge).

A Big Congratulations

I would like to say a huge congratulations to Rachel and all her staff at our Verwood nursery. They have been recognised as an OUTSTANDING provider by OFSTED during their inspection last month. It is fantastic news and we are confident we shall follow in their footsteps when we receive our inspection.

Summer Menu's

Our talented chef Phil has come up with some delicious new recipes for our summer menu. We have yet to decide which meals are being replaced for the warmer months, but keep a look out on our webpage and daily menu board in the nursery.

Facebook

Please like our facebook page to receive updates on what we have been doing and future events within the nursery. The page is regularly updated and a good way for you to keep up to date with all the latest events.

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

Mud kitchen donations

We have very kindly had some donations of equipment for our mud kitchen. The children are really enjoying making their muddy dinners, so if you have any old pots, pans or utensils that are looking for a new home then we would really appreciate them.

Reminders.....

Please can we try and keep toys from home out of nursery. We understand that comforters are needed for our younger children however we have an ever multiplying box of abandoned toys and simply don't have the storage facilities to keep hold of them.

Please can we remember to name as many clothing items as possible? A lot of children have the same pieces of clothing particularly if they are character themed. Naming really helps staff to ensure children go home with the correct item.

Dates for the Diary

Summer Half Term **27th May – 31st May**

Summer Term ends on **Wednesday 24th July inc.**



School Leavers reminder;

If your child is leaving nursery to go to school this year, and their leaving date differs from the normal end of term date please give us 6 weeks written notice.

Our school leaver's party will be held on **Saturday 10th August 2013.**
Invites and more information will soon follow.

That's all for now.....

Katie and the RedHill Day Nursery Team

