



Redhill Day Nursery Summer Newsletter 2014

Well it is definitely warming up at last and we have certainly been enjoying the longest days of the year in the garden. It is going to be a very exciting summer and we are very happy to announce that on the 30th June Gemma safely delivered a baby girl. Her name is Scarlett and she weighed 6lbs 11oz. Both mummy and baby are doing extremely well. Louise will be leaving to go on maternity leave soon and her last day will be 18th July.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new children and families to the nursery. We hope you are all settling in very well and enjoying the experience with us here at Redhill.



Easter Egg Hunt

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that took part in our Easter egg hunt on Saturday 12th April. The sun was shining, lots of chocolate and hot cross buns were eaten and most importantly fun was had by all.

In the Garden

We have lots of exciting things going on in the garden this summer. The pallets have finally arrived so that we can begin the construction of our new bug mansion. We would like to ask if you have any spare plant pots, piping, straw, sticks or bits wood that you could donate for the mansions interior we would be very grateful.

Our beautiful fluffy chicks that left us for Tim's farm a few weeks ago have grown lots and are doing very well. We can now determine with certainty which are male and female and are very excited as Peppa and Sandy will be coming home to roost towards the end of July.



Parents Evening

Due to the fact we have so many school leavers this year we decided to make our parents evening slightly later than usual, as the staff in preschool have lots of additional meetings and paperwork to ensure smooth transitions for our eldest children. Parents evening will now be held on Wednesday 27th August from 6:15pm for Babies and Toddlers and Thursday 28th August from 6:15pm for Pre-school. Appointment slots are on a first come first serve basis and unless you have more than one child within the nursery you will be given the next available slot. This is due to the fact that not all parents choose to attend the evening and it is unfair on staff to have exceptionally long gaps between appointments. Staff will receive their appointment forms and **parents can request a slot from week beginning 28th July 2014.** Please remember we have a lot of children attending the nursery, so the appointments do have to be kept to 10 minutes.



Ofsted

As Most of you will be aware we received an Ofsted inspection on Monday 28th April 2014. We are very pleased to have finally been upgraded to a Good nursery, although with an outstanding grading well within our grasp the news of our grade was bitter sweet.

Our report is now available online or on our website and is lovely to read. Fortunately the inspection was carried out on one of my keeping in touch days and I was able to be a part of it, I am however extremely proud of all my staff for maintaining such high quality care and education during my maternity leave.

Referral Reward

We have some great news about a new reward scheme we are introducing at the nursery. At Redhill day nursery we are very fortunate to receive many new bookings through recommendations and we wanted to say thank you. As of June 2014 we will be offering a referral reward of £100 towards nursery fees if we receive a booking on your recommendation. To be eligible for our referral reward your friend or colleagues booking must meet the following criteria

- The name of the parent recommending the nursery is to be mentioned at the time of booking.
- The new child's booking is a minimum of two sessions per week (i.e. 2 half days or one full day) on a full time contract (i.e. 51 weeks a year)
- The referral section on the new child's registration form is completed.

After the new child has been attending Redhill Day Nursery for 3 full months, the £100 referral reward will be credited to the account of the eligible parent/carer on the 4th months invoice. This is subject to neither account having an outstanding balance.

This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers and Redhill Day Nursery reserves the right to withdraw the referral reward at any time and without notice being given.

We really hope that many of you will benefit from this offer in the future.

Some Small Reminders

Could all families please remember that the **nursery does NOT open until 7:45am**. The staff hate to turn parents and children away but will have to if families are trying to enter the building before this time, as we are not covered by our insurance until opening time. I would also like to remind you that the **morning session ends at 12:45** and the **Afternoon session starts at 1:15**.

Please could you make sure you label all of your child's belongings? We have lots of children with the same clothing items in the same size and staff cannot be expected to remember what each child is wearing on a daily basis. Labelling everything will help us to ensure all property is taken to its rightful home.

With the exception of baby room breakfast is served until 8:30 and children coming into the nursery after this time will not be offered to sit down for breakfast. This is because we like to get some group and individual activities completed by snack time at 10am.

People are still walking through our baby room to access the outside. Please ensure you walk around the outside of the building so the children in this room are not disrupted and the carpet is kept clean.

Please ensure you **DO NOT** open the door to any other parents, even if you know them. Children's safety is of utmost importance to us here at Redhill and it is staffs responsibility to ensure an individual is recognised before they enter the building.

Extra Sessions

If you would like to book extra sessions during the summer holidays then please don't hesitate to speak to myself or Maree. All our school leavers that are on a full time contract will automatically have their last day as Friday 29th August. If you require childcare after this date, please inform myself or Maree.



Dates for the Diary

- Children in receipt of 3 and 4 year old funding or 2 year old funding for 38 weeks of the year, the last funded day is Friday 18th July 2014. If you only attend during funded weeks this will be your last week. The autumn term begins on Monday 8th September.
- Children on the Redhill Day nursery Term Time contract (2 weeks off at Easter 6 weeks off in summer and 1 week at Christmas) the last day of term is Wednesday 23rd July 2014 (inclusive). The Autumn term begins on Thursday 4th September 2014.
- Our leavers party for children going to school in September 2014 is Saturday 9th August at 3pm.
- Parents evening is on 27th and 28th August 2014.

That's all for now
Katie, Maree and the Redhill Day Nursery team