

Ringwood Day Nursery News

February 2008

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008. We hope you find the items included useful and we would love to accept your contributions!

Welcome to the team!



We'd like to welcome Kerri Newton to our growing team. Kerri has joined us as room supervisor of Cherry room. Kerri qualified in 2001 and comes to us with experience and new ideas.

We'd also like to welcome Sylvia Bailey back to the supply team. We have all missed her and its great to have her with us again and Lizzie Rankin has also joined as supply, so you may see her around the nursery.

Other staff are having a move to promote their own professional development within the nursery. Lucie Poole who some of you may know from Peach room has joined the staff in Pear room and is now working with the 2 - 3 year old children. Tracy Hopkins has now joined the team in Oak room and is working with the pre school children aged 3 and upwards.

In March Emma McDonald will be moving to Pear room to take the position of room supervisor. She will be working with the staff team to continue to develop the room for the 2 year old children and catching up with the children who have recently moved up.

Dance classes!



Qualified Dance teacher Mel Hammond will be coming to the nursery on a Tuesday to carry out dance classes with the pre school children. During her half hour sessions Mel will help the children to explore the nursery themes through music and movement. These begin on 26th February and we are excited to offer this new dimension to our nursery.

Early reading and writing skills presentation evening



On Tuesday 4th March at 7pm the staff of Oak room will be giving a presentation on developing skills for early reading and writing. The evening will focus on the skills that we can all help the children develop before they start school. It introduces the new 'Letters and Sounds' strategy issued by the Department of children, schools and families. This is open to all parents to attend so if you are interested or would like more details please speak to Rachel, Lara or Tracy in Oak room. We have already had a fantastic response and may have to extend to two sessions to accommodate all who are interested.

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Chatterbox challenge



On Thursday March 20th the children in Oak room will be taking part in the 'Chatterbox challenge' organised by BT Openreach to raise awareness of the organisation I CAN which works towards the development of speech, language and communication skills in all children with a special focus on those who find this hard. Together with their parents the children will be singing 10 traditional songs and rhymes for which they have been asked to collect sponsorship for. There are free goodies to give away for every child that takes part.

Parents entrances into the nursery



Can you please ensure that you are using the correct entrance into the nursery to drop off and collect your children. The safety of all the children is paramount and it is vital that parents enter the nursery via the correct entrance.

For Peach and Cherry room please use the door to the side of the nursery accessed through the outdoor baby play area, using the video entry system to gain access and for Plum room please use the front door and for Pear and Oak rooms please use the entrance accessed via the main playground. Both accessed by ringing the door bell.

Coming into the nursery through the wrong door can be unsettling to the children when it's not their mummy or daddy at the door and may cause a delay to your entrance if we have to ask someone else to positively identify you!

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW OTHER PARENTS INTO THE BUILDING WITHOUT A MEMBER OF STAFF PRESENT.

Parking and the exit mirror!



Some of you may have noticed that the exit mirror which was put up last year has disappeared! Unfortunately it was vandalised during the Christmas break. We are currently trying to source a vandal proof mirror to replace it.

We have been asked to advise parents not to park opposite the neighbours driveway (8a Broadshard Lane) when dropping off and collecting your children. Please also be considerate to others when parking in the nursery car park.

Nursery website



A copy of the newsletters will be available to view in the new 'Parents section' of the website. Although this section is currently 'under construction', it will feature a picture gallery, copies of the weekly menus, the nursery themes for 2008 and details of any future events. Look out for the posters to tell you we are up and running!

Details update



Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the contact details we hold on our system for you. Could you please check that these details are correct and if any of it needs updating please amend the form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Thank you.