

**Ringwood Day Nursery**

**Newsletter**

**Autumn 2014**

**Autumn has arrived**  It is looking like autumn has finally arrived. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back from summer breaks and all our new children and families to the nursery. We hope you are all settling in very well and enjoying the experience with us here at Ringwood.

**Leaver’s party**

Each summer we hold a party to say farewell to all our children moving on to ‘big school’. This year we were entertained by Mr Merlin before the children were presented with their graduation bags and then enjoyed an afternoon tea followed by a graduation cupcake. Although these occasions can be sad they are also a time to celebrate the journey all the children have taken while they’ve been with us.

Nursery owner Neil Dowden says “Our leaver’s party is such a wonderful way to say farewell to our oldest children and their parents. Whilst it is a sad time for all, as many of the children leaving have been with us since they were babies, it does allow us all to say “goodbye” and wish them well on their next education and learning adventure at school.

**Nursery Photographer**

The nursery photographer visit has gone very well today the models were all perfectly behaved (well mostly) and we will be seeing the proofs back with us in about two weeks and providing proofs are then returned by parents by the requested date you will receive your purchases in time for Christmas.

**Refurbishment Update from Neil**

Firstly, I wanted to thank all parents for your understanding when we were having the new roof fitted during August, which affected access to the Pre-School entrance and use of the front playground. The work was scheduled to take one and half weeks, but the guys did a great job and finished in 5 days, despite some very heavy thunderstorms.

![C:\Users\RDN\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\E0FOLHR6\MC900440418[1].wmf]()Secondly wanted to give you an update on our internal refurbishment programme we have been completing at the nursery during 2014 which is nearly finished. During this year I am sure you have noticed we have replaced all the principle internal downstairs doors with oak glazed doors with higher door handles. This has meant we have been able to reduce the number of stair gates within the nursery resulting in easier access between rooms for parents and staff alike, but still keeping the children safe. We have also replaced the lighting in Plum, Pear, Woodpecker and Oak rooms with more modern and energy efficient lighting, with spot lights added in Woodpecker and Oak rooms, which has allowed us to highlight the display boards showing the wonderful art work the children have produced. With all the doors and lighting done it has meant we have redecorated the whole internal nursery. The only outstanding work for 2014 to complete is to replace the vinyl floors in Pear room/ Pre School reception area and Woodpecker room and toilets. This was only replaced in 2013, but a manufacturing fault in the vinyl has resulted in it turning yellow in places. The manufacturer has agreed to replace the vinyl which will be completed before Christmas.

All the best Neil

**Staff Farewells and Welcomes and Congratulations**

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Faye from Woodpecker room in November, she will be missed by us all and we wish her well in her new venture as a teaching assistant in her home town . Michelle has been helping at the nursery since she qualified earlier this year and will be taking up a permanent position in Woodpecker room at the beginning of November, welcome to the team Michelle.

A temporary farewell to Sharon from Plum room, who is due to start her maternity leave at the end of December. Congratulations on your pending arrival in January

Congratulations to Ellie from the baby room who has just completed her training with us in record time and begins her new fully qualified role this month. Well done Ellie.

**Nursery Fees**

From January 2015 please note that we will no longer be able to accept cash or cheque payments. All payments can be made via BACS direct to the nursery or via your employers nominated childcare voucher system. Our BACS details can be found on the bottom of your monthly invoice.

**Please note nursery Fees are due on the first of each calendar month for that month. Failure to make a payment by this date will incur a late payment fee of £20.00.**

**Follow us on Facebook**

We are posting more and more information on our Ringwood Day Nursery Facebook Page. Don’t forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all of the news and fun activities we get up to from week to week.

**Extra Sessions**

If you would like to book your child in for extra sessions then please don’t hesitate to speak to myself or Jenni. We are very busy at the moment but whether it’s to cover your extra hours at work or Christmas shopping we will always do our best to fit your child in.

**Referral reward**

A big thank you to those people who have already recommended parents to the setting, you will all very shortly see the reward appear on your invoices! Don’t forget our ‘referral reward’ to simply say thank you to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Ringwood Day Nursery.

The reward will be £100.... yes £100 towards your nursery fees as long as the following criteria is met –

* Your name is mentioned at the time or enquiry/booking
* The new child’s booking is a minimum of two sessions per week (on a 51 week a year contract.
* The registration form is completed with your name on it as the referrer!

Then, after the new child has been in attendance at Ringwood Day Nursery for 3 full months the £100 reward will be credited to your account (as the referrer!) in the 4th month. It’s that simple! Please see terms and conditions for full details and get referring.......

**Future events**

Some dates for your diaries!

**Friday 31st October – pumpkin carving competition**

This year we will be celebrating autumn with a pumpkin carving competition. Open to everyone, pumpkins can be brought into the nursery from Monday 27th October onwards. Neil will judge the entries through the day on Friday 31st and all entries will be displayed in the playground and lit at 4.30pm for everyone to see. Prizes for the winners of the children and staff categories, so get creative and we will look forward to seeing your designs.

**It’s that time of year again**

We have kept the word ‘Christmas’ under wraps for long enough and with only 8 weeks to go it’s time we shared all our exciting festive plans with you.

As usual there will be lots of fun activities going on at Nursery. But don’t worry we haven’t forgotten about inviting you to join in the fun.

We are hoping you can all make it, however due to the size of the nursery rooms we will need to limit the number attending on any day by using personal invitations to ensure everyone can take part in the fun. We will also have to limit guests to **2 per child**, you will receive your invitations in due course. **To ensure there is enough fun for everyone please confirm exactly who will be attending on the reply slip which will be on the bottom of your invitation.**

Cherry ,Plum and Pear rooms

Will be inviting you to attend their Christmas Activity afternooons with a variety of fun and glittery projects.

Woodpecker and Oak rooms

Over three days in the week of the 15th December our eldest children will be performing a festive play for their parents to come and watch. This year we are once again performing The Wriggly Nativity rehearsals are well under way and we are having great fun learning all the new songs (as you may have already heard!)

**Dates for the diary**

Friday 19th December – last day of this terms Education Grant and two year old funding.

Wednesday 24th December – Open

Thursday 25th December– Closed for Christmas (duration 1 week)

Friday 2nd January – Nursery Reopens

Monday 5th January – Education Grant and two year old funding resumes for the Spring Term

**We are aware that at this time of year people are visiting family and participating in various activities and as a result children don’t always attend their usual sessions. We take pride in planning activities and meals for each individual child, as well as making sure festive creations go home on time. So if you know of any dates that your child will not be attending as usual over the Christmas period, we would be very grateful if you can inform myself or Jenni.**

**That’s all for now**

**Sue, Jenni and the Ringwood team**

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