

Ringwood Day Nursery News

August 2008

Welcome to our summer newsletter 2008.
We hope you find the items included useful and we would love to accept your contributions for future newsletters.

Welcome to the team!



We would like to welcome Michaela Sinclair to our team. Michaela comes to us from a Day Nursery in Leicester. Michaela will be working with the 2 year olds in Pear room.

We would also like to welcome Leigh Westlake to the team. Leigh is our new chef and is producing fantastic meals for us all. Leigh previously worked for over 20 years as a chef at a college for students with disabilities. Listen out for his singing!

Leigh is considering re-introducing beef dishes to our winter menu and we would appreciate any comments you may have about this.

Yankee Candles discount



As customers of Ringwood Day Nursery we are pleased to give you the opportunity to purchase items from 'Flames' in Ringwood with a 10% discount.

Flames is the largest retailer of Yankee Candles in Hampshire with over a 120 fragrances available.

All you need to do is mention you come to us!

Haircuts!



We are considering offering a regular haircutting service and would like to know if any of you would be interested in taking up this opportunity.

Lucy, the hairdresser is fully trained and spent many years in Hans hairdressers in Salisbury and then DKN in

Fordingbridge. Since having her little boy she now works as a mobile hairdresser. She would offer the haircuts for the children for £5.

Please let us know if you would use this service, if the response is good we will arrange some dates and times.

Vouchers



We'd like to thank all of you who saved and collected vouchers for Sainsbury's and Tesco's. We collected over 3500 Tesco vouchers and 7550 Sainsbury's vouchers.

We have managed to purchase a 'Tuff Cam' from Tesco, a digital camera and video camera for the pre-school children to use together with other ICT resources.

And from Sainsbury's we have purchased some more outdoor equipment, role play kitchen furniture and mats for the baby play area.

OFSTED



Yes, the time is upon us again. Any time soon we will be receiving a visit from the OFSTED inspectors. It is 3 years since our first inspection and the nursery has certainly changed a lot in those years, so there will be a lot for them to see.

Part of the inspection may also involve talking to some of the parents as they drop off and collect their children, so they may well wish to talk to you and ask you a few questions about the nursery.

If you have any questions about the inspection please do not hesitate to speak to Sue or Rachel.

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Graduation party



This year we sadly say goodbye to over 20 children as they leave us and move on to BIG SCHOOL!

As a celebration of their time with us (some of them over 3 years) we are holding a graduation party on 31st August for those children and their families.

Entertainment provided by Liberty's Reptile and Raptor centre, who are going to bring various 'creatures' from snakes and lizards to birds and ferrets!

We will be very sad to see these children leave the nursery but we know they will just love big school!

Parking

Often a thorny subject when so many need to use their cars for work and are on tight schedules. Please be considerate of other nursery users and the residents of this area when you park your car, avoiding or parking across or opposite driveways

Cockpit visit



We are very excited to say that we have arranged a visit from the Boscombe Down Aviation Museum again this year.

The visit this year will be on Wednesday the 20th August.

As last year we will be arranging times in the day for everyone to come and visit and further details will follow soon.

The museum come to us as volunteers so once again this year we will be asking for donations for them and the wonderful opportunity they are giving our children.

Education Grant



Any child attending Ringwood Day Nursery is entitled to Early Years Education funding from the term after their third birthday.

Early years education is provided to all children who are old enough as 2 ½ hour sessions. Every child is entitled to a maximum of 5 sessions per week during the Hampshire school terms. Two sessions may be claimed in one day if your child attends for Full Days

Once your child becomes old enough, you will be asked to complete a claim form at the beginning of every term. The nursery then makes a claim on behalf of all the children within the setting.

If you wish to learn more about the Early Years funding then please speak to Sue or Rachel