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Spring 2014

Welcome to the Spring newsletter and extraordinarily, today, the sun is shining and it does feel very spring like!

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy 2014



Welcome to...

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff; Ellie to our Baby Unit team and Sammie to the Woodpecker team.



Ellie is a modern apprentice working towards her Level 3 in Childcare. She has experience of working in another nursery as well as in a Year 1 Class. We look forward to her joining Sarah and Katherine.



Sammie holds a BTEC Level 3 and joins us with a range of experience from previous nurseries. She has settled in well to the Woodpecker team and we are pleased to have her working alongside Amanda, Amanda and Faye.



World Book Day



Come dressed as your favourite book character, and the children can dress up too! No seriously, we would love each child who attends on Thursday 6th March to come

dressed as a book character, we will be raising funds to add to the World book day charity to provide books for children in Africa. A £1.00 donation per costume would be welcomed. A book voucher to redeem in any participating store is being given to each child in the nursery this week. Rumour has it the staff are attending variously as the Gruffalo, Alice in Wonderland and many more.



New Photographer for 2014

This year we are trying a new photography firm, Concept Photography, who will be at the nursery on the morning of 18th March. As usual, there is no obligation to buy the photos, the pack prices start from £8.00. If your child doesn't normally attend on Tuesday mornings we can make an appointment for you to bring them in specially for the photo shoot please just contact Sue or Jenni 01425 470709.



Pupdate

Rufus, the Guide Dog Puppy we sponsor, is doing very well and currently learning to navigate the big city, travelling on the Underground and buses too, we have a new photograph and update on our facebook page.

Baby room door Eeeeek!!

Thank you to parents who use the baby room for their patience with "the door" we are awaiting "the engineer" who will hopefully, quickly and efficiently, solve the problems we are experiencing.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO TERMS

Cheques/Cash

With effect from **1st January 2015** we will be unable to accept cheques or cash in payment for nursery fees. We will continue to accept payment by BACs, debit card, credit card and childcare vouchers.



Nursery Menu – Favourite Recipe No.2

Cowboy Casserole - to serve 4

500g chipolata sausages

250 g Trimmed back bacon cut into 1cm squares

2 tins baked beans

1 tin tomatoes

Method

Bake chipolatas and bacon to just cooked approx 10 mins

Chop chipolatas into 1cm chinks

Mix with the bacon in an oven proof dish

Pour in the beans and tomatoes mix up and bake in oven for 15 - 20 mins.

Serve with creamy mash and some crunchy green beans or cabbage

Sainsbury vouchers

Once again we are collecting the vouchers. The collection box is in the "playground" entrance hall. Please encourage all your friends and relatives to collect for us.



The Wrong Shoes.

Please help us look after your child's belongings by naming them clearly. This is especially important with shoes as many children wear the same style and on several occasions recently the wrong shoes have been worn home, causing inconvenience and worry to all!! (except the children, who didn't seem to notice)



Baby Room Focus

Dummies and Talking

Dummies are excellent soothers and an important tool for many parents with young babies (lifesaver is how one mother describes it).

However-

Children learn to talk by babbling and playing with sounds.

Dummies prevent these important skills.

We are trying to help "ditch the Dummy" at a time that is right for your baby's development.

We will be giving out some helpful leaflets which explain how dummies can slow down or prevent the talking process and give some good advice on how to begin to ditch the dummy.



Parents First Aid Training

Our First Aid evening for parents was once again very interesting and according to the parents who attended gave them confidence that they would be able to use some of the life saving techniques they were shown, subjects covered included what to do if you baby/child is choking and how to resuscitate a baby.

If you are interested in attending the next training evening please let Sue know.

Spring/Summer Term dates for your diary

Friday 4 th April	end of Spring Term	
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April	Easter holidays	No attendance for Term Time only No attendance for Grant only children.
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday	Nursery Closed
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday	Nursery Closed
Monday 5 th May	Early May Bank Holiday	Nursery Closed
Monday 26 th May	Late May Bank Holiday	Nursery Closed
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term	- No Education Grant, No attendance for grant only children
Wednesday 23 rd July	end of Summer Term	



Facebook

Don't forget to like our Facebook page. We update it regularly with photos of the children. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ringwood-Day-Nursery/271441172872182>

That's all for now.....
Sue, Jenni and the team at Ringwood Day Nursery