



# Summer 2012 News

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## Baby Courtyard Refurbishment

At long last we are on the verge of the refurbishment of the Baby Courtyard which is the area outside the entrance to the baby room. The plan is to install new picket fence around the large steps to the door, to construct a new ramp leading to the double gates from the car park. All the area will be covered in lazy lawn which provides a baby friendly surface that will enable us to use the area much more frequently. There will also be a contrasting textured pathway leading from the car park to the entrance steps.



All very exciting and due to happen in July (weather permitting).

It will be even better than the real thing.

## News Flash—Dry day for Graduation Party !!!!

Sunday 15th July was unusually for this year a dry if not sunny afternoon and perfect for our Graduation Party. Liberty's Raptor and Reptile Centre of Ringwood provided a fascinating display of their wriggling, creeping and flying charges. Most popular was their Leopard Gecko which our children wanted to know - was she Woody's girlfriend? For those not in the know Woody is our own Leopard Gecko who lives in Woodpecker Room. Our party continued with face painting, picnic tea for the children and cupcake assortment for the adults.

All the school leavers were presented with their graduation certificate which featured their graduation photograph.



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[www.ringwooddaynursery.com](http://www.ringwooddaynursery.com), to keep up to date update with future events, new pictures, and the weekly food menu. We have a link to our Face book page which shows even more pictures and if you 'like our page', we can "TAG" you which will allow us to update you instantly of activities we have done during our day.

## Education Grant Dates

The education grant for children attending from the term after their third birthday is for 190 days of the academic year. For 2012/13 the grant will be applied as follows:

Monday 10th September to Friday 26th October

Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February to Thursday 28th March

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

In addition there will be no grant on Monday 6th May 2013 it is a Bank Holiday and the nursery will be closed.

More information about the grant is available from the Nursery or from <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/parents/cis/eye.htm>

## Tea time treats

Our new tea menu has now been introduced. While for the most part we are still using the same healthy ingredients, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, etc. with cheese and ham: on some days we are ringing the changes by exchanging the home made bread for rice, cous cous, pasta or wraps. We are also adding some different flavours such as balsamic vinaigrette and lemon dressing.

## Early Years Foundation Stage Updated

### Introduction of Revised Early Years Foundation Stage— September 2012

**On his visit in June our nursery photographer, Jerry Fenner has once again produced some great shots of the children. He will be shooting again on 23rd and 24th October—just in time for Christmas**

The revised EYFS contains the legal requirements and guidance information which we will use to make sure we meet your child's needs. There will be a few changes to the EYFS which we will be introducing to you over the next few weeks so that, when the revisions become law on 1<sup>st</sup> September, there will be a smooth transition from the old version to the new.

One of the main changes for parents is the amount of input you will be asked to give into your child's learning experiences while they are with us. At the moment we involve you in lots of different ways – the new EYFS is asking us to think of new things to share with you and come up with new ways of asking you for information about what your child is doing and saying at home.

Another new requirement of the revised EYFS is for us to write a '2 year progress check' for your child which ties in with their health visitor check at age 2 – 3. We will liaise with you about the best time to write your child's progress check and we will be asking you for lots of input.

We look forward to sharing more information about the revised EYFS with you. In the meantime, if you have any questions please let us know.

## New sunhats for every child

We have recently purchased sun hats for every child in the nursery to wear whilst here. The hats are a distinctive bright red and have peaks and legionnaires flaps at the back. All we need now is the sun! Acquiring these hats means you now don't need to supply a sun hat for your child, one less thing to worry about.

