

June 2014 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Welcome to our June 2014 newsletter.

WHAT WE ARE DOING IN JUNE - All rooms will be responding to children's individual interests. You will receive a room specific newsletter which will go into more detail about what is happening in your child's room this month and feedback on our responsive planning from last month.

PARENTMAIL - You should have all now received notification to join our parent mail system. We will now use this system to distribute our main monthly newsletter and room newsletters to parents. If for any reason you would like a paper copy please ask Kimberley

INVOICES - A reminder that as part of our eco schools and waste management projects we will no longer issue monthly invoices except when there is a change to your monthly amount i.e. for extra sessions etc. Should you require a paper invoice please ask Kimberley.

FEES - A reminder that fees are due the first week of each month.

PARENTS- If any parents have an interesting job or a talent that you could share with the children please let us know. The children love it when their parents or their friend's parents come in to talk to them about what they do. Please let Kimberley or Lucja know when you are free as we can accommodate most days. Thank you in advance.

BBQ - REMINDER - Our nursery BBQ will be on Saturday 5th July 2014 from 2-4pm. Apologies if this new date is inconvenient to any parents but I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend and I am sure it will be as great a day as last year.

HOLIDAY POSTCARDS - If you are going on holiday soon it would be great if you could send us a postcard. The children love to receive them in the post and this then opens discussion about different countries, cultures and beliefs etc. etc.

SUMMER WEATHER - As the weather is starting to get nicer could all parents please provide named sun cream and sun hat for their child to be kept in nursery.

BIG TEDS BRING AND BUY BARGAINS - Thank you to everyone who handed in items for us to sell. We raised £73.20. This money raised will go towards a the east Links trip for the Big Ted's on the 18th June.

EAST LINKS TRIP - BIG TED'S - An invitation was sent via parent mail to all Big Ted's parents. Please can you log in to your account and complete the consent form online. We need to finalise numbers by Thursday 5th June. If any parents are free to help on Wednesday 18th June from 9-3 please let Kimberley or Laura know as we still need more helpers.

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING - Our next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 5.00pm. We welcome any parents who are able to come along, the more the merrier. It would be great if we could have representation from each room. Please could you let Laura or Kimberley know if you are able to make it. Alternatively, if you would like to bring any comments or items to the meeting but are unable to attend, please email your comments to our parent liaison officer on elizabethfgeddes@hotmail.co.uk.

NURSERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - We have reviewed and updated our policies and procedures document. Please take the time to read through it and if you have any questions please ask Kimberley or Laura.

MENU REVIEW - We are currently reviewing our nursery menu and would appreciate your opinions. Please can you pass onto staff what you like/dislike about the menu and any other meal suggestions you have. Alternatively you can drop us an email.

NURSERY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - Each year in June I complete an Improvement Plan for the nursery which is submitted to Edinburgh Council. If any parents have any suggestions or areas where they would like to see an improvement please come into the office and discuss this with Kimberley or Laura before the end of June.

SCHOOL/PRE-SCHOOL LEAVERS

Sadly, many of our children will soon be leaving us to start on that new adventure "school". We wish them all the best in their new school and will miss them all. Could all parents please inform the nursery (one month's notice please) of their child's last day and please remember to cancel all voucher payments and direct debits.

Also, now is the time of year when parents will find out if they have successfully got a place at a council nursery. Please could you let us know of your intentions for the forth coming academic year as to whether you will be staying at Childsplay for ante/pre-school hours, using split placements between us and another nursery or using all the pre-sessions at a council nursery.

PARENTS COMMENTS/IDEAS - If you have any comments/ideas/suggestions you wish to pass to us, you will find a suggestion box in the foyer or suggestion sheets outside each room. Alternatively, please feel free to email us via parentmail or direct on childsplaynursery@btconnect.com

That's it for this month, as always our door is open if you would like to discuss anything. Kimberley and all the staff.