

Kirktonholme @ Piccolo Nursery Newsletter

March 2010

General Information

Can I please remind all parents that the session times are:

AM session - 7.45am until 1.00pm
PM session- 1.15pm until 5.45pm
FULL DAY - 7.45am until 5.45pm

Can all parents please stick to the times as staff will have to ask parents and children to wait in the cloakroom if they arrive early.

- It has been brought to our attention by Care Commission that all parents must sign their children in and out of nursery as this is required by law. Therefore can we ask that all parents sign their child in and out and if someone else is dropping off or collecting your children could you please inform them of the sign in and out procedures.

Parents Committee Meeting

We have carried out two Parents committee meeting now and have three parents attending. Due to the low numbers attending the meeting we thought it would be a good idea to send out a questionnaire to all parents regarding points discussed at meeting. We would appreciate it all parents could return these questionnaire's as soon as possible. Thank you

We have recently purchased some new outdoor waterproof suits so that we can spend lots of time outdoors with children of all age groups. Can we ask that your child comes to nursery suitably dressed for the weather and if possible can you bring in a pair of wellie boots, gloves, hats and a scarf.

Possibly sun cream if the weather ever improves.

Please label all belongings.

NO FIZZY DRINKS POLICY

AS WE ARE A HEALTH PROMOTING NURSERY WE ARE NOW ADVISING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS THAT WE NO LONGER ALLOW CHILDREN TO BRING IN FIZZY DRINKS TO NURSERY. The nursery provides milk and water on a regular basis through your child's session at nursery. On occasions staff will provide sugar free fruit juice. Any fizzy drinks within lunch bags will be returned home at the end of the child's session.

Dates for your Diary

WE ARE HELPING RAISE MONEY FOR SPORTS RELIEF-
ALL DONATIONS WELCOME.

Monday 15/03/10- sponsored jump.

Tuesday 16/03/10- Wacky hair day

Wednesday 17/03/10- Wear your pyjama's to nursery day

Thursday 18/03/10- Talent contest

Friday 19/03/10- Wear something red day.

Children will take part in physical games.

The nursery will only close for 2 Bank Holidays this year.

They are:

Monday 5th April 2010 (Easter Monday)

Monday 27th Sept 2010 (September Monday)

Saturday 19th June 2010 - Graduation for Pre School Children



Rainbow & Sunshine Room

- To keep in line with our Infection Control Policy can I ask that all parents/carers coming into the baby rooms either remove their outdoor shoes or put on the blue shoe covers as the children crawl around the floor.
- Can we ask that any parent leaving their pushchairs at nursery throughout the day fold up the pushchair and leave it in the cupboard at the main door or leave with the brake and rain cover on, in front of the baby room window. As the main entrance is a fire exit and must stay clear at all times. If you wish to store foot muff or covers from children's pushchairs indoors please remove them from the pushchair and ask a staff member for best possible place to store them.
- To avoid personal belongings going home with the wrong child can we ask that parents name all belongings. We have Name tag leaflets available within the nursery to be filled out if you wish to purchase waterproof name tags.

Little Rascals Room



- W.A.L.T - We are learning to share, take turns and develop an awareness of others feelings. Working along with the relationships part of the birth to three documents. Staff will be working in smaller groups with children.
- Laura, Sami and Natalie are looking for family photographs for you to bring into the nursery. These can include siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles etc and even pets. We have found that this can be very good for helping to soothe your child if they are a little bit upset when at nursery. Children also enjoy talking about their families and looking at each others photographs, this helps build up relationships.
- Can we ask that parents dropping their child off at nursery in the little rascals room (aged 2-3 years) use the main door and down the stairs or walk down the drive to the patio double doors entrance into the little rascals room. The small kitchen area is used by staff and children to clean messy resources and for cooking. Therefore can I ask that parents and children do not pass through this area for health and safety reasons.

Learning Lions



- W.A.L.T - Taking care of living things (babies, plants, newborn animals.)
(During activities staff will be developing children health and well being, literacy and numeracy skills. Feel free to ask staff to see your child's group floor book.)
- We are taking part in a Sports Development Programme from Wednesday 17th February 2010 for 8 weeks between the hours of 11am and 12pm. If your child attends nursery on a Wednesday morning please ensure that they are dressed appropriately with soft shoes and comfortable clothing. Details of this programme are displayed within the Learning Lions Cloakroom. If you does not attend nursery this session and you wish for your child to attend, please speak to a member of staff.
- Staff within the Learning Lions room will be sending home the children's progress report over the first few weeks in March. Please take the time to read and make any comments about your child's development on the back of the report and return to the nursery. If you have any concerns regarding or wish to discuss your children's development please speak to Nicola, Karyn, Cheryl or Lorraine.
- It is important that children within our 3 - 5 year old are as independent as possible. Please can you ensure your child empties their tray on a daily basis as some children share trays and this can cause confusion when things are mixed up.
- We are nearly there with collecting 2ltr plastic bottles for our eco greenhouse. Thank you and well-done for helping collect the bottles. The children are eager to learn about recycling are asking staff about what materials are recyclable and what bin should they go in. If you have any 2ltr plastic bottles at home please feel free to bring them to nursery. In order for the greenhouse to be built properly bottles must NOT be bashed.

Our Eco committee will be meeting on the dates below to take part in a discussion about our garden area and to develop a plan for our literacy hut outdoors.

Dates of meetings:

Tuesday 2nd of March

Tuesday 16th of March

Thursday 11th of March

Thursday 25th of March

Our Eco Committee is...

Maggie Moore, Jack Steenson, Katie McLean, Luke Doran, Michaela Bolger and Harry McGuire. However all children within the nursery will take part in eco school activities.

