



SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and we hope you all had a great Christmas. The snow has made a terrible start to the term but hopefully things will soon warm up a bit. We have lots to tell you so please read this information carefully. Your continued support is much appreciated.

IMPORTANT CHANGES AT NURSERY – We now have Caterpillars and Butterflies!!



The team and I have decided to re organize the children's groups so they are split by age group. We can target activities such as singing, letters and sounds, physical development and circle time towards their age group more closely. The aim is to build confidence and help the children to settle and make friends with their own year group more easily.

The key workers will be split so that Martin and Sarah work with the Butterflies (3-4 year olds), and Gurwinder and Helen will work with the Caterpillars. (2-3 year olds). The butterflies are children in their nursery year (Born 1 Sept 2005-31 Aug 2006) and the caterpillars are in their pre-school year (Born 1 Sept 2006-31 Aug 2007).

Parents frequently ask me which children are going up to school with their child so I have attached a list for you all to see for yourselves! Please bear in mind that as new children join or others leave the names will change. An up to date list will be kept on the planning board next to the hatch.

Please speak to Bev or I if you have any queries. The children will still be mixed together for free play time so they will still have the opportunity to mix with all the key workers and children during each session. Bev and I will continue to support both groups and oversee the planning for both.

Butterflies	Caterpillars
George Howard Millie Bonner-Davies Thomas Vass Izabel Sullivan Amelia Kauffman-Cook Harry Cannon Finley Potter Alfie Bachelor Matthew Brooks Olivia Reynolds George Hicks Francesca Baker-Pearce Jake Crisp Eddie Houghton Scarlett Murray Jessica Scott Tiffany Hamilton	Thomas Palmer Megan Taylor Keenan Molloy Freya Briault Summer Marie Melvin Lila Clarke Frazer Rawlins Harriet Moore Charlie Clapson Daniel Beaumont Lenny Osler Megan Marriot Jude Wilson Izzy Butt Olivia Kempthorne Jake Reynolds Lewis Mansfield Maxim King Ruby Boswell Paige Tinn Ayla Huseyin Molly Avery

New Starters

Welcome to Jake Crisp in the Butterfly group and Thomas Palmer, Harriet Moore, Lenny Osler, Izzy Butt, Olivia Kempthorne, Lewis Mansfield, Maxim King, Ruby Boswell, Paige Tinn, Ayla Huseyin and Molly Avery who are all joining the Caterpillar Group.

Sessions for This Term children who are 3 by 1 Jan 2010 are now entitled to up to 15 hours free at nursery. (5 sessions or equivalent) Please speak to me ASAP if you would like extra sessions for your child.

Creative parents can you help?

I am looking for a creative someone to re vamp our nursery flyer / advert. This will be used to advertise in the local paper and also for leaflet drops in the area. If anyone is creative and can help to design a simple A5 size flyer for the nursery please let me know.

Christmas Fundraising - Tea Towels

Thanks to everyone who bought a Tea Towel. We raised £45 for the toy fund.

Parent Committee

Helen Bonner-Davies will be emailing all members shortly to arrange a meeting and talk about our next fundraising event. If you would like to join the committee please can you mail your details to Helen at helenshawyer@hotmail.com

Stretch and Grow Trial

This was a lovely session but due to costs involved and poor parental response to this idea at present we will not be making this a permanent event.

4's Club

We are focusing this Thursday morning club more closely on learning outcomes for the Butterfly Group. All children in the Butterfly group should attend the Thursday morning session if at all possible. This term we are focusing on Letters and Sounds Part 1. We have been asked by Reception at St Johns to do this to help the children develop listening and speaking skills in readiness for school. We will be carrying out one activity around this at each 4's club. Also we are looking at letter formation and phonic letters and Problem Solving Reasoning and Numeracy to help the children start to develop some simple understanding of maths. The 4's club also take part in an outing each year and perform at the Christmas / Summer graduation ceremonies. Please speak to Louise if your child is not in the 4's Club but you would like them to join.

Invoices

Invoices will be sent home with your child this week. Please let Louise know if you do not receive one by the start of next week.

Topics This Term

All About Me, Me and My Family, Children From Around the World and Music Week. The key worker leading each week will be sending out any information on how you can help or what you might need to send in from home. This week is Helen's week and is All About me and the children are making body books, people sandwiches (!) and wobbly people. They will be washing and dressing babies as well. (Not real ones the plastic variety!!)

Changes of Address

If you have moved house or changed your contact numbers please let us know so we can keep your child's records up to date. Please give a note giving details of any changes to Bev or Louise as you come into nursery. Thank you.

Term Dates

Spring Term

Tues 5th Jan – Thurs 1 April

Inset Day Mon 4th Jan

Half Term Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb

Summer Term

Tue 20th April – Fri 23rd July

Inset Day Mon 19th April

Half Term Mon 31 May – Fri 4th June

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Further Improvements at Nursery We have acquire a lovely "Go Outside" pack to be kept on the deck. Please ask your key worker to show it to you as it is gorgeous. This week the builders hope to start work on extending the deck. I have ordered a Wendy house to go to the rear of the deck. Many of you have commented on the poor state of the toilets and I am pleased to say the new chairman of the hall committee has said that a refurb is to be planned for the toilets as well.

Clothing As the cold weather seems set to continue a little longer please dress your children warmly – jumpers/fleeces . PLEASE LABEL COATS AND HATS. Please do send in warm coats during this cold weather as it does get really cold especially in the outside classroom.

Fruit Bowl Please can every child bring in one piece of fruit per week for snack time? Please leave on the fruit bowl on the hatch. Thank you!

Election Dates We may need to close for some forthcoming elections to take place in the hall and have been given the following message from the Hall Committee "In the absence of any further information from the Prime Minister, a provisional booking has been made for the Parish Hall for the date of Thursday, 6th May 2010, this being the most probable date for the election, and at the same time we have been asked to pencil in Thursday 25th March 2010 as a possible alternative requirement".

We will let you know as soon as this date has been finalised. If your child misses a session due to the election you can arrange for them to come in on any afternoon session to make up for this. Please speak to the key workers to book them into the diary for an extra session nearer the time.

Thats it for now. Enjoy the rest of the half term.

Louise, Bev and the Nursery Team.