



## NURSERY NEWS NOVEMBER 2008



Dear Parents

Firstly a warm welcome to **Brandon** and **Liam** who join us this week! We hope you settle in well and enjoy your time at our nursery.

We have a busy half term ahead with lots of exciting things for the children to do. We will be planting bulbs for Marie Curie Cancer care during 4's club, we have Manic Ceramics visiting us and a visit to Van Hage planned not to mention end of term graduation and celebrations and arts and crafts. Mrs. Bonner will be sending out the **Autumn Term part 2 Plan** shortly with dates, what is planned for each day and how you can support us.

Last half term had some great high lights for us. The **4's club** now have special member badges that we gave out for the first time. Their train journey trip was a big success and I would like to thank Mrs. Bonner and Miss Mewes particularly for all the thought and planning that went into this day. Thanks also for the lovely feedback from the parents who came on the trip. It is great to know you and the children enjoyed it so much!

**Themes for this term** will be shops and of course Christmas once we get into December. Our role play corner and activities will be focused around these themes as listed at the end of this letter. The staff team have put together a WANTED! list of props to really bring the role play to life for the children. We would be grateful for anything on the list (attached) you can provide from home. Mrs. Howlett (Beverley) is co-coordinating the role play corner activities so if you could give them to her (or any of the other staff if she is not in) that would be great.

**We have been awarded a grant** to improve our classrooms. I have ordered new rugs and trolleys, outdoor easels and toys and some comfy seats and partitions for the book corner. These will take 6-8 weeks to come in. We will also be ordering walkie talkies and V tech cameras for the children. They can use these on nature walks, in the classroom and outside. Walkie talkies are good to help develop communication and speech as well as being lots of fun! The cameras will help us get an insight into the world from the children's perspective and encourage participation; we could for example as we ask them to photograph things they like / dislike etc. I hope to have these in the next week or two.

**Thanks to all who fed back** on what you would like for the outdoor classroom. The most popular suggestions were a new awning and a parent

board for outside. I have put forward a grant proposal and will let you know once I hear if we have been successful.

**Parent helpers** are always welcome and the children love to have you in! We have already asked a couple of hairdressing mums to come in and share their skills with the children during hairdressing week. If anyone else would like to come and join in any of the activities you are more than welcome! Thanks to Mrs. Arlain and Mrs. Beaumont who have helped with supply cover this term.

**The fruit bowl** has been really successful so far. Please don't forget to bring a piece of fruit in on the first session each week for snack time. Thanks!

**Drain pipe race track** Many thanks to Sam's mum (Kirsty) who kindly got hold of some guttering for us which the children have really enjoyed playing with outside this week.

This term we will also be trialing a **Phonic Letter of the Week Table**. If the children would like to bring in things from home starting with the letter to place on the table each week that would be great!

**Goodbye and BIG thank you to Mrs. Crilley** who left just before half term. Mrs. Crilley is coming in on Friday morning so the children can say good bye to her formally and we are having a staff night out with her as well. Sue has always been a pleasure to have in nursery and the children will miss her. We are delighted both Mrs. Golding (Supply cover) & Mrs. Howlett (1:1 Assistant) have agreed to increase their hours now Sue has left as they are well qualified, experienced already known to the children and the team.

**The building work** is now finished. We would like to thank David Hardy in particular for the improvements that have been made particularly to the rear access path and gate, kitchen area and store room. He has always taken the nursery requirements into account and this has been much appreciated. I feel sure you will all agree the finished result is a big improvement!

**The Vicar (Rev Anne Donaldson)** has kindly offered to supply some polyanthus so the children can brighten up the flower bed at the front of the hall and we have been assured the plants which were chopped will grow back in the spring.

**The Parent Board** is now out each day next to the registration table. We update notices regularly and are happy to display anything involving the children for you. Please check regularly to ensure you are informed of what is going on.

**Parent Committee Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> November at Cheryl Coyle's house (Oscar's mummy!). Agendas are being sent on email this week. New members always welcome (speak to Mrs. Raja if you are interested).

**End of Term** Our last day of term is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Both the morning session and afternoon session will run as normal. There will be Christmas crafts and party food during each session plus a visit from the Christmas Fairy.

**4's Club graduation ceremony celebration** on Thursday 11 December. Further details to follow.

**Parents Evening** 26 November 6.30pm onwards. Time tables will be put up on the parent board nearer the time.

**Manic Ceramics** 26 November also. The children will be making Christmas tree finger print plates. Perfect for their age range and a lovely gift or keepsake for you. Please complete the form attached if you would like your child to take part. If your child is not in on a Wednesday but you would like them to make a Christmas Plate (these were gorgeous last time!) you can still bring them in. The parent Committee has kindly offered to pay for any children from a low income families.

**Spring Term Dates:** Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April.  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET DAY and WE WILL BE CLOSED!

Thanks for your support. We hope you and the children enjoy this half term!  
Louise

**Themes / Letter of the Week**

W/c 3 Nov Fireworks and Spooky cave / H

W/c 10 Nov Greengrocers / R

W/c 17 Nov Shoe shops / M

W/c 24 Nov Hairdressers / G

W/c 1 Dec & 8 Dec – Santa's Grotto / O

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**Manic Ceramics 26 November**



Name of Child .....Name of Parent / Carer .....

*Please tick below...*

..... My child will be in and I would like my child to take part

..... My child is not normally in but I would like them to take part

..... I enclose £8.50 for the cost of my child's plate.

..... I have provided proof that we are in receipt of government benefits to nursery for funding purposes and request that my child's plate is paid for from the parent committee fund. (Please speak to Mrs. Raja if you are unsure about whether you qualify.)

***Please return this form to nursery ASAP.***

WANTED!! Autumn Term Part 2 CAN YOU HELP US??



Weeks 2 – 4 SHOPS

Brown paper bags  
Punnets for grapes and strawberries  
Wicker baskets / child size shopping baskets  
Plastic fruit and Vegetables  
Weighing scales and weights  
Fruit and Vegetables / healthy eating posters  
Old pairs of shoes  
Kids shoe boxes  
Tissue paper (to wrap shoes)  
Measuring equipment for children's feet  
Bags for life  
Toy cash till (1 or 2 only)  
Toy money  
Old handbags and purses  
Rollers and pins  
Small hand towels  
Mirrors (child safe if possible)  
Style books  
Shower hose (one that goes on bath)  
Clean and empty shampoo / conditioner bottles  
Old Hair slides and bobbles  
Old Hair dryers (we will cut flex off these so make sure they are old)  
Straighteners (Same as hairdryers)  
Shaving brushes  
Capes to put around the children when they are getting their hair done  
Books linked to any of the above themes. (i.e. elves and shoe maker)  
Girls world styling heads (one or two only)  
Child size aprons

Weeks 5 & 6 Santa's Grotto



Santa hats / suits	Old Christmas cards
Christmas decorations	Fancy dress (elves, fairies?)
Christmas stockings	Cello tape dispensers
Old hole punches	Present bows / gift wrap ribbon etc
Old Christmas wrapping paper	Toy beards / Santa Suits

