

Newsletter February 2014

Nursery News

Website

With our new website up and running, please take time out to have a look and give us feedback. The staff across all four nurseries are very excited as it shows all the nurseries in action. The gallery will be updated regularly and as you will see each nurseries newsletter will be added to make easy access for parent information. We will still be producing hard copies of the newsletter but if you feel you are happy to access the website then please let one of the staff know you wish to opt out for a hard copy.



The bumblebee room/ Ladybird room

The journey of this room started with parents requesting us to take children under the age of 2, for many years. After lots of research and some renovation work we opened up this room in September 2013. I would like to thank all parents for your feedback and support in making this a success so far. Although we only take a small number of under 2's, we feel we support a 'home from home' environment with all the added learning and development needs each child requires. We are opening our bookings for this September 2014 very shortly, if any parents with younger siblings would like to visit the bumblebee room or talk to me about starting shortly, or reserving a place in September please feel free to do so.

Some of our older bumblebee room children will be moving into our ladybird room which will be open from after half term. We endeavour to make the transition from room to room as smoothly as possible and to support this we will be keeping the continuity and familiarity of the staff throughout these two rooms. Lysa will be overall room leader for both rooms with Rhonda overseeing the ladybird room.



Themes

This term we will be looking at:-

Week 1 and 2 - Fairytales – We will be encouraging the children to a world of fantasy and imagination. Reading stories and role play. If your child wishes to dress up please feel free to allow them to do so, however, as with everyday clothes please be aware we will do our utmost but cannot protect the costumes from messy play.

Week 3 and 4 - Healthy eating/Cooking – This is a lovely time when the children can learn about ingredients, where produce comes from, what's good for us and not so good and enjoy the cooking activities. Some of the cooked items may not make it home!! Yummy.

Week 5 and 6 – Sense – using our 5 sense to, taste, smell, hear, feel, and see. We will be exploring lots of different activities; to use our sense's to learn how they each in turn have a purpose.



Lunches Please ensure your child's lunch box and drinks container are **named**.

We have a number of children with allergies and therefore we request that nut products are not included in lunch boxes. If you normally cut up items, such as cherry tomatoes or grapes etc., to make it easier to eat at home, then please can you do so in their lunch boxes.



Contact numbers

Please remember to update your child's contact numbers whenever they change. This is very important if your child becomes poorly and the staff are trying to contact you.

Make up sessions

There is no refund of fees for sessions missed because of holidays taken in term time, or sickness; however, we do try to make up session lost because of sickness whenever possible. Make up sessions can only be taken if there is a vacant fully staffed session available and must be taken in the half term that the missed session occurred. This sometimes means that it is not possible to make up all the sessions missed. Please remember that make sessions should not be booked until your child is sufficiently recovered to manage their usual week.



Fire Exits/Fire Drills

Please do not park in front of the Fire doors especially outside the Bumblebee room. This is extremely dangerous for the children and staff on the premises and in doing so, even if for such a short period of time can delay their exit to safety. During the course of the year we take numerous random drills where the children practice to exit the building safely. The alarm bells are introduced to the children and talked about the procedures to exit. The bells are extremely loud and in doing it this way we feel it has been very successful. We have many new children starting with us and we will be introducing the bells shortly.

In the event of a major incident/fire occurred and we had to leave the building we would be taking the children to Melbourn Village College and contacting you from there.

Please be assured the children's safety is our utmost priority.

Looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Best wishes Anne.