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A Note from Angela

Well January has come and gone all too quick so I apologise for the delay in sending out this newsletter!

So what has 2016 got in store for Nurture?

We are anticipating that we will have our OFSTED inspection at the end of the year.

We have hit the ground running in January and the senior management team have begun a whole setting evaluation relating to all the documentation we have to adhere to including the environment, resources, teaching and learning, assessments and parent partnership. I am expecting this to take us a few weeks to gather together all the information but that at the end of it we will have a thorough and comprehensive development plan to keep us moving forward and improving for the rest of the year.

STAFFING:

We offer congratulations to Steph and Tracy who are expecting babies in May and July and also to Heather who has now completed her level 2. We are sad to say goodbye to Hannah. Hannah is moving onto pastures new, we wish her the best of luck in her future career. She has a promotion to a room leader at a Nursery closer to home.

We welcome Sian who starts on Wednesday 24th February in the 1-2 room. She joins us with 10 years experience from a local outstanding nursery.

TRAINING:

Last term saw many of our staff access external training, this includes:

- The whole team have undertaken training on Teaching and Learning and how this is reflected upon through play and also everyday experiences.
- Rachel – Characteristics of effective learning training. This focuses on how children learn through daily events and the activities children engage in.
- Kayla – Sensibility training. This

provided practical advice on behaviour management and also gave an insight as to how sensory play and activities can have a positive impact on challenging behaviour.

- Amy & Emma – Wellcomm training. This is delivered by the senior Speech and Language Therapist within the county and is a fantastic tool which can be put into place with children who may need support with their speech and language development. This has been proven that a significant amount of children respond well to this support and intervention and as a direct result may result in less referrals being made to the speech and language therapy team.
- Steph – Outdoor Learning. This has provided us with a greater insight as to how we can improve our outdoor area and also enhanced practitioners knowledge of how children's learning and development can be supported and enhanced whilst exploring the outdoors.

Future team training this term will focus on:

The Characteristics of Effective Learning and 'The Prevent Duty' and Teaching British Values.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

We are all booked on to the National Day Nursery Association conference in April and we welcome Helen our LEA Advisor in February.

As a result of Kayla being appointed as Deputy Manager for Under 2's we have had a shuffle in some of the roles within the senior management:

- Rachel – Health and Safety Officer
- SENCO
- Parent Partnership
- Kayla – Designated Safeguarding Person
- Staff induction and development

OUTDOOR CLOTHING:

Could we please ask that ALL children bring wellies and waterproofs in with them each day. The weather over the last few weeks has resulted in the garden being very muddy. Unfortunately any child who has not brought in wellies and waterproofs from home will not be able to go out to play.

ILLNESS:

It is that time of year again when both children and adults are feeling run down and lots of viruses and bugs are on the rise. With this in mind below is a link to the NHS which provides an overview of the most common services for support, advice and medical assistance. Choosing which service is right may not always be easy, however if in doubt always contact 111 who will then provide more advice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSServices/Pages/NHSServices.aspx>

FEES:

Polite reminder: Can we please remind parents that fees are due the 1st of the month in advance.

We provide childcare in good faith and when payments are late this has a knock on effect for the whole setting. Not only do your fees pay the fantastic practitioners, they also pay for your child's meals (which we do not charge extra for) and the upkeep of the building.

As per our terms and conditions a late payment fee of £25.00 will be added to all accounts with an outstanding balance after the 7th of the month and each week thereafter.

If for any reason you know you will need to drop your child off early or collect your child later than their booked session please phone the office ASAP on 0161 427 9891 as from 4th January 2016 our late collection and early drop off fee has been implemented with parents charged £1 for each minute their child is in outside their booked sessions.

Staff

Our Preschool Ladies are Room Leader Amy, and colleague Heather. Over the next couple of months we will be having more staff in Preschool as some children from the 2-3 room celebrate their 3rd birthdays!

Heather has now qualified in Level 2 and will be continuing on to complete her Level 3 with us.



Amy
Room Leader



Heather
Nursery Nurse

Focus of half term

This half term, Preschool will be focusing on 'People who help us'. This includes Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Vets, Teachers and more! We will focus on one of these each week and will be dressing up as them too. We are hoping to have visits from some of these special people so that the children can learn lots more about them and how they help us!

We are excited to start creating and getting messy with this topic. Look forward to a bunch things coming home as we will be painting lots of pictures and making junk model fire engines! We know how much the children love role-playing and will be putting out all the fancy dress so that they can dress up as their favourite special person - whether that is a Police Officer, a Doctor or a Fireman.



Book of half term

Although we will not have a certain book we will be reading in Preschool, we will be focusing on reading non-fictional books at Group time.

As our theme is 'People who help us', we will be reading books about Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Doctors and more, teaching the children about these roles and how they help us every day!



Songs and rhymes

We will be putting together song and rhyme bags so that the children can learn numbers in an exciting and interactive way! We will have puppets and props to encourage counting through singing too.

Some of the songs we will be singing include:

- ★ 10 monkeys jumping on a bed
- ★ Miss Polly had a dolly
- ★ Once I caught a fish alive

Preschool will also be learning our Jolly Phonics songs. We will send you home the lyrics so that you can sing along at home too!

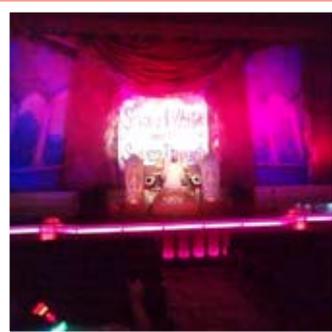


What have we been doing?



In Preschool we have been learning all about Festivals and Celebrations. From Halloween to Diwali, we have dressed up as superheroes and even made our very own Diva Lamps!

Snow White



Last term we were lucky enough to go on a trip to The Plaza in Stockport and watch 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. All the children loved the Panto and we will be looking at taking them on more trips in the oncoming year! We also went to watch the Nativity at All Saints Church and we watched some of our past Nurture Preschoolers in their first play.

Parents Evening

In November we had Parents Evening. If you couldn't make it for any reason and you'd still like to have a chance to read through your child's file and reports, feel free to pop in and take a look any time. All files are up to date and you can ask your child's key worker any questions or queries that you may have.

What we will be doing?

We have already welcomed many new faces into Preschool in 2016 and will be joined by lots more over the next couple of months. Each child will have their own peg and we have made handwriting books for all of the children so that we can get started with writing our names and learning our letters.

We have decided to restart our Jolly Phonics so that all of the children can be at the same stage of learning their letters and sounds. We will focus on a different letter or phonic every fortnight! We would like to ask that you bring in an object a week starting with that letter so we can use these objects in group time. Amy and Heather will send out a reminder of our new Phonic for you to teach to your child at home too!

We now have a water station for the children so that they can have access to a drink at any point during the day. Although cups are available, it is more hygienic for the children to have their own water bottle and gives them a sense of independence! All children's bottles will have their name on, which will develop their name recognition skills. Please can you bring one in if you haven't already – thank you!





Dates for Your Diary

February half term

There will be no funding this week for children who are term time only

Mon 15th - Fri 19th February

World book day

Children are invited to dress as their favourite character

Thursday 3rd March

Easter Bank Holidays

Nurture closed

Fri 25th & Mon 28th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 31st March

Easter Half Term

No funding for children who are term time only – funding commences week beginning 18th April 2016 for children who turned 3 between January and 31st March 2016

Mon 4th - Fri 15th April

Photographer

The photographer will be in from 8am for children who want sibling photo's and their siblings attend school.

If your child does not attend on this date, they are welcome to come in for their photo's to be taken between 11.15am – 12.30pm.

Tuesday 26th April