



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

- (1) Open Day - Saturday 28th November 10.00am until 2.00pm. Ian Mann is bringing his owls again to the Open Day, they have had another two babies!
- (2) As some of you may be aware Cathy Andrews will be leaving us to return to her childminding career due to family commitments. We are extremely fortunate that our Deputy Manager Michelle Smith, who has extensive experience of managing nursery settings, coupled with 15 years of childcare, has agreed to take the role of Nursery Manager with immediate effect. We are pleased to welcome to our setting the following staff - Kirsti Smith, Lisa Mullender and Emma Wardle who are all due to start this month.
- (3) After 4 weeks being with the children we have decided to swap the Owl and Bear rooms (pre-school and baby rooms) around. This is partly due to the location of toilet facilities in the building (as sometimes toilets are needed in a rush!), to provide a quieter environment for sleep time for our younger children and easier access to take pushchairs outside.
- (4) Can all parents dropping off or collecting children please use the rear entrance doors. These are accessed by the pathway to the left hand side of the building or by parking in the church car park and using the side gate at the rear of the building. Due to the volume of parents and vehicle movements this is a much safer way of dropping off and collecting. There is a door bell and we will be listening out for it!
- (5) Hope you've caught sight of our new minibuses, we are just waiting for our white minibus to be signwritten. We have bought the necessary number and sizes of car seats and many of the children have been on outings in the buses already to feed the ducks and play in the park. If anybody has any suggestions of good local destinations to take the children to please let any team member know.
- (6) We still have a few of the old school desks remaining which are being sold and the proceeds going to Francis House Hospice, our nursery's chosen charity. Samples are available in the main entrance.
- (7) There are Hollins Wood t-shirts and sweatshirts available to buy in the office for the pre-school children. These are optional for any other nursery children and we have sizes age 2, 3 and 4.
- (8) We are starting our vegetable plots this month and are trying to source old wooden rowing boats, bit of a long shot but if anybody happens to have an old rowing boat in their back garden (as you do) or knows where to find some can you please let us know!

- (9) We know it is only the beginning of October but on the subject of Christmas we are closing at 6.00pm on Wednesday 23rd December and will be re-opening at 7.45am on Monday 4th January. There will be no charge for this period.
- (10) Invoices - enclosed are invoices for September 2009. Can all parents please remit payment within the next 7 days. Any parents wishing to use vouchers or nursery education grants can they please quote the child's name as the reference to enable us to reconcile all accounts.
- (11) We have a photographer in our setting (see attached) on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. If you would like your child photographed could you please fill in the Maia photography sheet with just your child's name on so that she will have an idea of numbers. If you would like your child photographed with a sibling who is at school please let us know so we can arrange a suitable time.

Sorry it has been such a long newsletter but we would just like to say it has been a great first month, we have had new registrations and all the children are really enjoying our facilities. We are really getting to know all the children's different personalities and favourite activities.

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