



## February 2012

### Dear Parents

We would like to welcome the families of children who join us this month and welcome them to our nursery.

### Parents Committee

The next parents committee meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00 till 7.00 to discuss the early year's foundation stage curriculum which we deliver in the nursery. It will give parents the opportunity to discuss and feedback their thoughts and we will be sharing our observations with parents.

### Winter warmers

Now that the weather has become colder we would ask that children have warm clothes, hats, scarves and gloves so that we can still access our outdoor provision go to the park or library.

Also could clothes be labelled especially jackets as they sometimes get mixed up.

### Parent Feedback

As part of our programme of continuous improvement we sent out questionnaires to parents to find out what you think we were doing right and how we could improve our offering to you. The questionnaires summary will be made available within the next couple of weeks. If any parent would like to fill in a questionnaire then there is still time before we gather all the findings together and report back to you. The questionnaires are available in the rooms and can be posted anonymously in the entrance hall. Also we have put a suggestion box in the reception area which will be a permanent feature so if you have any ideas which you feel would improve the nursery please don't hesitate to post them in the box

### Medication

If your child is taking medication can we ask you to bring the medicine into nursery in a clearly marked bottle? This also includes Calpol and any creams your child might be using.

### Three and Four Year Funding

Letters have gone out to parents who can claim informing them of the funding amount and to see if parents want to take full advantage of it. Any queries just speak to Gemma

## Staff

We are sorry to announce that Hannah from the toddler room will be leaving the nursery in February. Hannah has moved house and is living in North Yorkshire and has found the daily commute to work too much. Hannah has been a valued member of staff of the nursery for 4 and half years when she first started as a student. She will be missed by parents, staff and children and we wish her good luck in her new job.

## Electronic Finger Pad door entry

If any parents/guardians are still not registered just come and see either Gemma or my-self and we will scan your fingerprints so you can use the biometric door scan...

The system should enable us to give a better service to parents where we appreciate answering the door when we are playing in the garden can take a few minutes.

I would just like to add that the door should not be opened to anyone who is unknown as a matter of security.

## Fees

Thank you to all parents who pay fees promptly. As we are a small business we are trying to convert all payments to standing orders which will assist us in paying our bills and help us operate effectively. Most parents find this is the best way to pay us as it assists in their monthly budgeting.

If you need a standing order form just ask either Gemma or Christine.

Once again many thanks for your support. Christine, Gemma and team

## Pre School Trip

The pre- school will be off to the Royal Armouries on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> to look for dragons. This will tie in with the topic for that week which is Knights and Castles.

The children will be able to search in the maze at the Royal Armouries for dragons in order to save the princess. The children are looking forward to their visit. If you have any queries just speak to the staff in the pre school room.

In January they went to Sandal Castle and this has formed part of their topic of princesses and super heroes for this month. They have pictures and a fantastic display in the pre school room which shows how much they enjoyed it.

## Children's themes

We will be changing children's themes within the month. They will be going on the wall in each room and will change weekly depending upon children's interests that we have observed the previous week. If parents would like to bring in any information or resources which may support the children then please feel free to bring them in as your support is always appreciated.

We would like to encourage parents to share with us your children's interests and any particular areas of learning you would like to focus on more. In each room there is a plastic wallet inviting parent's comments with paper and a pen inside. Please feel free to write any thoughts down regarding your child's learning, even if it's just to let us know what they are interested in at home. Your comments will help us to plan our weekly planning. Thank you in advance for your support.

