

Parent Information for week beginning 6th February 2012

Snow-

What a beautiful scene I am looking out at as I prepare this week's email for parents. We do not plan to be closed on Monday, but if there is any doubt our procedure is as follows: I will send an email out to parents by 7.30am in the morning of the day in question and information will be available on our website in the parent news section. Remember the password is vr2010 and the username is 'parent'.

The weekend's snowfall reminds me to ask parents to ensure their children are well rugged up during any cold patch of weather. We like to continue to offer outside experiences for our children so gloves and hats are necessary right now. And lastly, just a reminder of our terms and conditions with regard to snow which is as follows: ". In the event of temporary closure of the nursery (for example due to heavy snow fall, electrical power cuts, illness pandemics) no refunds of fees will be made".

Requests

We have some more requests for donations of items to enhance our provision:

- Role play dressing up clothes – maybe your child has grown out of some of their items? If so we would be delighted to extend their use in our nursery for children from toddlers to five years. This includes multi-cultural traditional clothes.
- Tractor tyres – this would make a lovely 'den' for our garden.
- Lengths of cloth to make den covers
- Milk crates – again a useful den-making item!
- Large cardboard boxes – for children to climb in and make a temporary den!
- Supplies of spare buttons
- Broom handles – we hope to encourage children to construct their own dens, and broom handles are a bit sturdier than the traditional bamboo canes.
- Junk modeling items – such as small boxes, single-portion cereal packets, buttons, beads, cardboard tubes, bottle tops etc. These are invaluable in helping children with their creative 3D structures. NB – we find storage a problem, so please keep the items relatively small!

Buggies

We wonder if any parents are finished with their child's folding buggy (either single or double-buggy – one child in front of the other not side-by-side). ? If so we would gladly take it on from you to help us ensure that our youngest non-walking children can come on all our outings.

Meal Menus

In response to requests by some of our parents we will be providing the menu for the week as an attachment to these emails. (It is possible that we may need to change meals at short notice for a variety of reasons).

Half term - A reminder for our term-time children that it is half term from Monday 13th – Friday 17th Feb inclusive.

News from the 3-5 classroom

Cultural topic – The children had such fun talking about teeth and brushing them here at nursery last week. Thank you for bringing in your tooth brushes - they will be coming home again in your child's folder so watch out for them! This week we are going to be discussing our hair. We will be turning our role play corner into a hairdressers and the children will be able to take turns using the models and gowns, just like a real hairdresser (although there will be no actual cutting going on!). The children will also discuss how to look after your hair, and the different types of hair that people may have. If you have any past pictures of yourselves with different haircuts perhaps your child would like to bring them in to show to their friends and to act as a starting point for discussion

Forest School walk- We will be walking on Friday this week (see weekly timetable on the parent notice board).

Please make sure that your child has the right clothing on our walk days, they need: suitable warm clothing (thick coats on top of layers of long-sleeved tops, wellington boots, trousers, waterproofs, hat, scarves and gloves and of course, a warm coat. Please could you make sure that ALL your child's clothes and accessories are clearly named as this saves us much time when getting ready to go out!

Show and tell- Please can all children, morning and afternoon, bring in a small item from home to match the letters of the week, which will be **e** and **h**. The objects will be discussed during key group and circle times where the children will be able to show off their items and sound out the letters that they start with.

Weekly news for babies and toddlers

This week- we take the children outside everyday to access our lovely outdoor area and get some fresh air. Even when it's really cold we like to take them out for short periods of time. Please can all parents ensure that they send their children in with thick coats (not jumpers or jackets), gloves, hats and scarves and wellies, and make sure every item is clearly named

No shoe zone – just a polite reminder about our no shoe zone notice to keep our room as hygienic as possible for our non-walking children. All children also need to have slippers or indoor shoes.

The baby room. - we are wanting to develop the use of the baby room (the green room accessed through the yellow toddler room). Please could the parents of the babies drop them off in the morning into the baby room rather than the toddler room.

Cultural theme - we will be carrying on with our cold weather theme this week and will be looking at some of the animals that live in cold climates. If any of the children have anything they would like to bring in and share with us (such as a cuddly polar bear etc), please feel free to bring it in.