

A Step Ahead's Spring 2012 newsletter

Welcome to our 2012 Newsletter. Firstly we would like to welcome you all back and hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

New starters/Leavers

As some of you are aware, Tom is back... Yaaay! He will be in the monkey room for 3 days a week until April and 4 days a week there after. So welcome back Tom!

We are also sad to say that we will be losing Flic... again ☹. She is off on her travels and we wish her all the best. Hopefully she will come back to us. Coming in to replace Flic will be the lovely Fiona Haley (Monkey's previous room leader.) We are sure she will be brilliant in there so welcome back Fiona.

Outstanding

As you all know we received OUTSTANDING for our Ofsted report in September 2011 and the nursery is starting to get quite busy now. If any parents are wishing to

increase their sessions or book extra sessions, you should probably do this quickly as spaces are starting to become limited. If you wish to do this please speak to Lynn.

Clothing

Just to remind you about labelling your children's clothes and shoes as we have several children with the same footwear. Also if you could remember to bring in a bag of spare clothes just in case your child gets wet or messy at nursery. Could parents also supply appropriate clothing for the weather as it is still quite wet and cold. If possible some welly boots, a coat, hat and gloves.

Change of details

If any important information changes for example your mobile number, please could you remember to inform us of these changes? We have had some occasions when we have been unable to reach parents. These numbers are there so we are

able to reach you in an emergency so please keep them up to date. Thank you.

Parent Helpers

We are still offering parents the opportunity to come and help out. So if you would like to join the team for an hour or a day, please see a member of staff and we will be happy to accommodate you. We will organise a date and time to suit you and provide you with a copy of the Helper/Volunteer policy and associated documents, have a brief induction and have the right level of support from us to make sure it is an enjoyable experience for you. We welcome helpers - it is great working alongside parents and we are very proud of what we do. It is an opportunity to show you what we do!

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Security door

Just a reminder, the security door must NOT be opened for any other parent without a member of staff present at the door. This is a safety precaution to protect the children. Also could parents not allow their children to press the switch to open the door as this encourages the older children to attempt this on their own. If you could also remember not to stand with the door open as we do not want any wandering children. Thank you.

Breakfast

If you would like your child to have breakfast in the morning then breakfast runs from 8.00am-8.15am. You are more than welcome to bring in breakfast after this time for your child.

Invoices

As you know, invoices are placed in your child's trays in the middle of the month. So please remember to check

them regularly. Fees are due on the 1st of every month.

Please remember to pay your fees on time.

Reminders to all parents

Outside of your child's room there is a planning sheet to put down any ideas you may have or share any interests that your child has at home so we can reflect this in our planning at the nursery. We welcome all ideas and we will try our utmost to make sure this is in the planning the following month.

Christmas Photos & Fete

We managed to raise £109.00 commission from the from the Fat Chilli art work and £217.00 from the Xmas Fete and raffle. With this money we bought a new ride in pickup truck for the garden, a forest mountain play set, splash mats, multi-cultural finger puppets, jingle sticks and a storage unit. A BIG thank you

to all parents and staff that made this possible.



A picture for your child to colour

Many thanks
Lynn Jordan
and the
A Step Ahead team.