

## **January/February Newsletter 2013**

Welcome back....Hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

### **January Birthdays**

### **February Birthdays**

### **Photographer**

The Photographer will be taking individual children's photographs on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. If your child does not attend that day and you would like their picture taken please bring them into nursery at 9.00am. Please inform Gill or Liz if you wish to do this. Thank you.

### **Fees**

Fees are now due for January. Prompt payment would be appreciated. There are still outstanding fees from December. Can I remind parents that fees should be paid in advance for the month. Please see attached letter regarding payments that are paid late.

### **Uniforms**

If you require a uniform for your child please fill in the order form on the back of the main door. The cost for the polo shirts are £8 and sweatshirts are £11. Please pay when ordering as it is cash on delivery. All orders and payments to be in by Friday 11 January.

### **Staff Changes**

Miss Jacklyn will be leaving her full time post at the end of the month to become a full time mum; looking after her 3 young sons. I wish to thank her for her commitment and hard work, she will be missed terribly by staff, parents and the children. Thankfully she is working as bank staff so you will still see her around every now and again. Miss Jade will take over as room leader and Miss Sarah is taking over the role of Supervisor.

**Fun at Nursery.....Chinese new year** - The year of the Snake. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year between the 30<sup>th</sup> January to the 8<sup>th</sup> February; children will be involved in lots of creative activities, listening to stories, music and dance. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating by having a party. Children will experience `A Chinese banquet` and will be participating in a dragon dance. Children are asked to dress up in something red, gold or oriental this day.

### **Staff Development**

To ensure staff keep up to date with new developments, staff are attending numerous courses ranging from food hygiene to first aid, ensuring all legal requirements are met by law and Ofsted.

### **Updating our Records**

Please can I remind all parents and carers to keep us informed of any changes regarding the information we have on your child's registration form, for example address, mobile numbers medical needs etc.

**(PSED- Personnel Social and Emotional/CL - Communication Language/PD - Physical Development/EAD - Expressive, Arts and Design/L - Literacy/M -mathematics)**

### **News from Baby room**

In January the babies will be exploring "Under the Sea". The babies will enjoy playing in water with different resources; under the sea animals such as fishes etc. PSED- Making relationships - Enjoys the company of others and seeks contact with others 8-20 months. CL- we will be looking at under the sea books and pictures. "Pays attention to dominant stimulus-easily distracted by noises or other people 8-20 months. PD - The babies will be exploring an under the sea sensory basket, looking and feeling different objects such as shells, seaweed etc.." Reaches out, touches and begins to hold things" 0-11 months. During February the babies will have the opportunity to play with various farm animal toys in our farm yard. Hopefully, weather permitting we will go on walks to see the animals in the fields, look at picture books and introduce the babies to the sounds they make.

### **News from Beanies and Tweenie room**

Tweenies and Beanies have shown a lot of interest in our books recently especially the Peppa pig selection. Therefore this month we will be looking at 'Our favourite story book' which we can read at circle time. We are hoping that we will all learn to share our books. PSED-Begins to learn that some things are theirs, something's are shared and some are other people's 16-26months. PSED Begins to accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources, sometimes with adult support. Beanies are going to be selecting familiar books by name. CL- Selects familiar objects by name and will go and find objects by name and will go and find objects when asked or identify objects from a group. Tweenies will be recognising a particular sentence to a story in a book and hopefully choosing the correct book it corresponds to. CL- Understands more complex sentences. L - repeat words or phrases from familiar stories. All of us will be joining in and having lots of fun making our favourite characters and acting them out; such as walking like a Gruffalo and dancing like five cheeky monkeys. PD - Makes connections between their movements and the marks they make. EAD - Enjoys singing in with dancing and ring games. Parents and carers if you have a spare ten minutes at the beginning or end of your day and would like to contribute to our topic you can come along and read your child's favourite story book to the group.

### **News from Pre-School**

This month's topic is 'Nursery Rhymes'; as the children have been enjoying singing and 'what's in the box'. The children will be singing their favourite rhymes and will be introduced to new ones. We are even going to try and make some of our own nursery rhymes up, exploring rhyming words, alliteration and playing rhyming games. In maths we are going to be looking at our concept of time, such as snack time, lunch time, home time, yesterday, tomorrow and what happens next etc. PD-In dance we are going to be making up actions to go with our nursery rhymes and using our bodies to move in different ways around an obstacle course. To gain an understanding of the world we are looking at special events such as Birthdays, Christmas, Eid, Christenings etc; special events that our families and friends take part in, also significant outings pre- school go on or visits such as the dentists and doctors. During the month of February we will be looking at many special events such as Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Valentines Day. A week will be planned specifically around the celebration of Chinese New Year; we will celebrate by having a party, dancing, tasting different foods, making a dragon to dance with, using lots of different materials. On pancake day we will be making our own pancakes for snack time working together in our key groups to make the pancakes, looking at the ingredients we need, what happens to the ingredients when added together and discussing the changes when cooked. Hygiene practices will again be discussed explaining the importance of washing our hand properly.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Chinese New Year Party - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Photographer (singles) - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half term (free entitlement) - last day 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, return 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thankyou

From all the team at School House Nursery