



## Newsletter – November 2010

*Dark(er) nights and cold frosty mornings have now set upon us and that can only mean one thing- Christmas is getting very close!!! In the next couple of weeks we will be full of Christmas spirit busily making lots of Christmas things. We hope you can all join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> December when Santa makes a special appearance at nursery!*

### Nursery Improvements

*Over the past year the nursery has undergone many updates so that we maintain our outstanding service to you.*

*In 2008 we sent out a questionnaire which listed items for you to prioritise in terms of updates and work which was our long term action plan. We have now completed all of these things and more some of which were completed this year and are as follows:*

#### New Kitchen

*Our most recent update is the new kitchen. As you may have seen over the last weekend we have had a new kitchen fitted. The kitchen is a very busy area of the nursery and it is a place that there is something going on either breakfast, dinner, snacks or a cooking activity to some degree that the children are taking part in. We like to ensure that we have high quality provision for our children and due to the importance of the kitchen have had new cupboards and appliances.*

#### New heating system

*The new heating system was installed ready for winter and what a difference it has made!! In these cold frosty mornings the heating is keeping us warm and toasty at the nursery.*

#### Washing facilities

*We no longer have to take the washing off site to wash!! Since having a new boiler we can now fit a washer and dryer into the nursery*

#### New equipment

*We have had new equipment inside and outside there is too much to list but a couple of things that spring to mind are an outdoor music centre, big xylophone, mini gym equipment plus much more...*

### Staffing

*Victoria Butler has moved onto pastures new and wishes all of the children and families all the best for the future. We all wish Vicky the same and hopes she enjoys it in her new job.*

*Zoey Shaw has joined the baby room and will be working alongside Liz and Vicky.*

### New door entry system

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 we will be registering parents on the new door system. This will take only a couple of minutes while you are waiting to collect your child/children and will allow you to enter the porch and come in from the cold and rain.

We ask that you:

- Still ring the bell on the outside to alert staff that you are waiting
- Do Not let other people into the nursery
- Close the door promptly when you enter

After Christmas we are going to send a questionnaire to evaluate the system and take your thoughts on its effectiveness and if we need to improve anything what this might be.

### Holiday Dates

#### Christmas 2010

24<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - Christmas Eve: Open  
27<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 - Nursery Closed

**Nursery Reopens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**