



Newsletter – January 2011

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What are we doing in 2011?

ECAT

We are fast approaching our moderation day for the 'Every Child a Talker' project. Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire a few months ago now this all formed part of the data we needed to collect surrounding communicating with your child. As part of our assessment we also require parent comments about how the setting communicates with you in general. A questionnaire will be available in the next couple of weeks and we would be very grateful if you could assist us in order for us to prepare for our 'Communication Friendly Setting' award.

Eco award

Last year we started to work towards the Eco awards. We achieved the bronze award which is displayed in the porch and this year are looking to gain the silver and maybe even gold award. This is all work surrounding how to be kinder to our planet. Last year we helped the gardeners in the park to put up bird boxes and are hoping this year the birds are using them so we will be going out to investigate this soon!

Barnados Big Toddle

In the summer we have planned to take part in the Barnado's big toddle to raise money for children under 5 in the UK who are living in deprivation. The theme is animals so we will be theming our toddle around the animal fair song. Animal costumes would be great for this day as we toddle around the park. More details will follow see below for song lyrics so you can practice with your child/children or type the link into the internet for the words and to play the song

<http://www.singup.org/songbank/song-bank/song-detail/view/195-the-animal-fair/>

I went to the animal fair,
The birds and the beasts were there.
The big baboon by the light of the moon
Was combing his auburn hair.

The monkey fell out of his bunk,
And slid down the elephant's trunk.
The elephant sneezed and fell on her knees,
But what became of the monkey, monkey,
Monkey, monkey, monk?

Staffing

An update on staffing and the rooms that they are currently working in, in the nursery. From time to time it is necessary to move staff around to accommodate all of the children's needs effectively

Baby room: Victoria Turner

Toddler Room : Elizabeth McCue, Zoey Shaw, Annette Cooper

2's-3's Room: Gaynor Moss (Deputy), Jodie Croxton

Pre-School Room: Gemma Challinor

A big warm welcome to Annette Cooper who has recently joined the nursery. Annette has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to working with all of our children and families.

Unwanted items

Have you had a Christmas sort out? Over Christmas we have nice new things and sometimes find we don't have anywhere to put them!! We would be very grateful of any unwanted items of clothes to put in our spare clothes box, socks and baby vests are particularly useful.

Also we are always very appreciative of any toys that your child maybe too old for now to use in our topic boxes etc...

Dates for your diary

Easter and Christmas 2011

Easter

22nd April- 2nd May 2011 inclusive- Nursery Closed
Nursery Reopens on Tuesday 3rd April 2011

Christmas

26th December 2011 – 2nd January 2012 inclusive
Nursery Closed
3rd January 2012 – Nursery open as normal