

# SUFFIELD PARK NURSERY NEWSLETTER



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## A Message From the Nursery Team...

Happy New Year- we hope that 2016 is a fun and exciting year for you all! It's been great to see everybody again after the Christmas break and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to the children and their families who join us this term. We hope that your time at Suffield Park Nursery is a happy one and we are excited about being part of your child's journey as they learn and develop!

### Boxing Day Dip Sponsorship

Nine members of our Nursery Team did the dip on Boxing Day. Most of us went in three times! We were very lucky with the weather, however, since most of us don't brave the North Sea (even in the summer) we are feeling very proud of our achievement! Many thanks to those who joined us or came along to cheer us on; it was great to see so many familiar faces. A special thanks must go to Rachael Kerry who works for the Speech and Language team who was roped in to join us! Huge thanks go to everybody for the generous sponsorship that we have already received. **There is still some sponsorship outstanding and we would be extremely grateful if you could bring this in by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.** We will then let you know our grand total and what we will be able to purchase for the children at Suffield Park Nursery!



Hayley & The Nursery Team

## January 2016

### Fee Paying Families

Please note that we now offer an online transfer option to pay Nursery fees. If you would like to use this service please pop into the Nursery office where we will be able to provide you with the appropriate bank details.

### Office Hours

If you need to get in touch with staff at the Nursery for any reason they are available on the telephone number above between 7.30am and 5.30pm, Monday-Friday.

### For Your Safety...

We would like to give a polite reminder **not** to wait on the stairs leading to the Nursery at the beginning or end of your child's Nursery session. Many thanks for your cooperation.

With the weather deteriorating please take care on the stairs leading to the Nursery, they get extremely slippery when they are wet.

### Lost Property

We have accumulated a significant amount of unnamed lost property; this will be available for you to look through until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It will then be disposed of. **Please do name your child's belongings.**

### Goodbye Jenny

Jenny Goodman (our Finance Manager) has left Suffield Park Nursery and has started her new job this week. We were sad to see her go but wish her every success in her new venture. We hope to appoint a replacement Finance Manager in the coming weeks and will keep you updated. You should not notice any changes and our existing arrangements will be maintained. Kerry Lewis with the support of a member of the County Finance Team will be taking on most duties during the interim.

### **Can you help?**

We are in short supply of spare boys trousers aged 2-4 years so if you have any at home that your child does not wear any more we would appreciate donations.

We are making further developments to our Nursery Mud Kitchens! We would be extremely grateful for donations of any old kitchen utensils that you don't use at home such as large spoons, ladles and potato mashers.



### **Christmas**

We hope that you and your children enjoyed the Christmas activities as much as we did! The children were beautifully behaved and it was a pleasure to share the excitement with them.

### **Clothing**

Winter finally seems to be upon us; with that in mind please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed. The children in The Coral Reef (2 year olds) and The Deep Blue Sea (3-4 year olds) have free-flow access to the outdoor environment whatever the weather, so the doors are always open. We recommend wearing layers and ask that your child always brings a coat at this time of year. Gloves and hats are also desirable.

### **Spare Clothes**

Please ensure that you send a change of clothes to Nursery with your child in a named bag as we only have a limited supply of spares; even children who are quite reliable with going to the toilet can have the occasional accident and changing into their own clothes that fit them can significantly reduce any distress. In addition to toileting accidents we sometimes need to change children who get wet during play activities.

### **Books**

Sharing stories and information books is such an important part of every child's development and is one of the most important things that you can do with your child to support them.

'Story telling and reading activities can help develop language and literacy skills by supporting competence in communicating, speaking and listening, being read to and beginning to read and write.' (Bookstart).

We would like to encourage you to borrow books from the Nursery. We ask that you borrow one book at a time. You may wish to send your child with a named bookbag to enable the transportation of the books, you may have received a Bookstart book-bag if you have joined the library. You are also able to purchase a book-bag from the school office at a cost of £3.50.

### **Outstanding Library Book**

Please could you have a look at home for the book 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato' by Lauren Child. This is a Public Library book that we have borrowed and can't find.

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you goes to Ali Lowe who has generously donated £100 to be spent on an experience or resources for the children.

### Woods

We are very fortunate to be able to offer the children sessions in our adjoining woodland as part of their Nursery experience. Last term children attending The Deep Blue Sea on a Tuesday afternoon thoroughly enjoyed their time learning about the natural environment, learning about keeping safe around the fire, finding out about minibeasts, making dens and birdfeeders to name but a few of the activities.



This term, as promised, we have changed the time and day of the session to enable a different group of children to access this fantastic opportunity. Woods sessions will now take place on a Monday morning for all children who attend The Deep Blue Sea. We provide fleece lined dungarees for the children to wear over their coats and have a limited supply of spare wellies. We would be extremely grateful if you could send in a pair of named wellies with your child on a Monday morning and advise that gloves are sent too. If your child attends The Coral Reef on a Thursday morning they will be spending time in the woods then- please send named wellies and gloves for them for this session.



### Dates for you diaries...

- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February- Half Term, Nursery closed to Term-time only children
- Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Multicultural week (Africa), please let us know if you have any knowledge about or connection with Africa which could support the experiences of the nursery children this week
- 4<sup>th</sup> March- Mother's Day Celebrations for Deep Blue Sea families
- Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February- Mother's Day Celebrations for Rock Pool and Coral Reef families- dates to be confirmed
- 8<sup>th</sup> March, 6-7pm Parent's Evening

This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's key person to discuss your child's progress. These are short appointments (5-10 minutes) so if you have any lengthier issues to discuss please arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will display a sign-up sheet nearer the time. Please don't feel that you have to wait until this date if you have issues that you wish to discuss; we would encourage you to talk to your child's key person at any time!

- 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Bank Holidays- Nursery Closed
- 25<sup>th</sup> March- Nursery Closed for Easter Holidays (Easter holiday for term time children only)
- 11<sup>th</sup> April- Nursery re-opens for Term-time only children