



## Nursery Update -September 2010

### Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware the past few weeks have been a very busy time for the nursery, with lots of ongoing improvements to the setting which will benefit all of the children in our care.

Many fun and exciting things have also taken place such as the police visit, the prom, and many children moving onto school.

**The big toddle-** The pre-school children really enjoyed the pirate themed day, they all loved taking part in the obstacle course and really got into character dressing up and using face paints.

We were really impressed with the response from the parents/carers and raised a staggering

**£343.80**

**Capital Grant Funding-** We have finally received the first instalment of our funding, this has been used to purchase new furniture for the toddlers and babies and a variety of resources to benefit the whole of the nursery, these will be introduced steadily to the children over the future months.

**Garden Improvements -** Awaiting the second instalment of our capital grant funding, we have taken the time to find the best companies who will be taking up the existing surface in the garden and also those who will be fitting our personally designed wet pour surface. This will be taking place in the next few months, and I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and support when the time comes to close the garden to be able to carry out the improvements. Please appreciate that I am working with both companies to ensure the garden will be shut for the least time possible.

**Nursery Website-** Some of you may be aware we currently have no nursery website, after discussion with parents and feedback from the staff it was decided the old nursery website was not very useful, we have spent the last few weeks speaking to many companies and the new website is being designed as we speak!

As soon as the website is finished we will let you know, if you could give us any ideas of things you would like to see included in the website please let either myself or Kerry know A.S.A.P.

**Painting-** As part of our on-going improvements, the staff have been working really hard painting the toddler area of the nursery, please bear with us during this time we are doing our utmost to ensure there is as little disruption to the children as possible.

**Quality Improvement-** We are currently working closely with our early year's advisor on a west Sussex county council scheme called Quality Improvement. The scheme supports us to be reflective of the nursery and the experiences we offer to the children, it gives us a basis to make improvements from. I am sure over the coming weeks you will notice new things being introduced.

**Adventure books** – Adventure books are something some of you may remember, however for those of you that have recently joined us may not be so familiar with them. This is something that we are looking to re- launch. Each child will have an adventure book which you will be encouraged to take home and pop in any adventures, fun times, pictures, or anything you want really – there are no rules! These books will then be shared during group times and are a great way for us to share experiences with your child. I really would like to encourage all of you to do this with your child – more information on these will be available when the re- launch is ready – this is aimed to be completed by the end of September.

**Nursery Questionnaire-** I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who took the time to fill out the questionnaire it is very much appreciated and has supported some of the ideas we already had, as well as giving us new ways forward, we are working on our response and it will be with you shortly.

**Letters Via E-mail-** As of the end of September we will be E-mailing letters and memos to parents, this is a great way of ensuring parents/carers get information as quickly as possible and also reduces some of the time spent printing and giving out letters.

If you would like to be involved in this and have not already done so please pop your e-mail addresses on a piece of paper and hand it to the office.

Please be assured that your email will remain private and other recipients' of the email will not have viewing access to your details.

**Nursery Leaflets-** We now have some lovely nursery leaflets please feel free to take some if you know anyone who is looking for a nursery. If you know of a business of service that would display some leaflets or a poster please let me or Kerry know it would be much appreciated.

**Nursery Cook** – I would like to take this opportunity to make you all aware that we will shortly be looking for a new cook. I'm sure you will agree that it will be a very sad time when we have to say good bye to our fabulous cook, however Anne will be retiring in October, and we would like to wish her every happiness in her future even though she and her cooking will be greatly missed by all.

I would once again like to thank you all for your support in the current changes and wish to welcome any feedback or ideas you may have along the way, please find our suggestions box in the table in the main entrance and you are always welcome to come and see me!

Kind Regards,

Natalie Chuter  
Nursery Manager