

# Alexandra Nursery School and Under Three's Centre

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS**

Education provision in the school is closed from **3.30 on Friday 19th** December and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Daycare provision will close on Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and re-open on January 5<sup>th</sup>

There will be daycare places in the school building on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. From 8am - 4pm

This for children aged 3-8 years old. Please ask in the school office if you would like to book a place.

### **Ofsted inspection report**

All parents should have received a copy of the report. Please ask if you have not had one.

It is a very good report

The two areas for development are ones that I had identified to the inspectors and we are already working on.

Monday and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of December will be Eid  
Children are allowed  
two days holiday

Please return the questionnaire you have been given so we know you are happy with the admissions procedures

All the new children have now settled into the school. We have admitted 90 children during September October and November. These admissions dates are based on when children's birthdays are – we send out letters to oldest children first in line with the Council's admission policy. Parents who return their forms quickly get the earliest admission dates. We only admit 10 children each week as this allows each child to get as much attention as possible from the staff. When all the children have settled and we have been able to complete our first assessments and get to know them we have parents days. We have also admitted 5 children for daycare in the over three's building and 20 children into the under three's centre. Seven children who have had their third birthday have transferred from the under three's centre to the school building. If you were not able to come to parents day in November and would still like to talk to your child's teacher then please ask to make an appointment.



### **Attendance**

It is important that your child attends every day. Children in the school will be given attendance certificates for attendance over 95% this term. **Congratulations** to children who have been given certificates for good attendance

We have a long waiting list for school places. You will be sent a letter if your child's attendance is not good. Your child's place will be given to another child if you do not ensure their good attendance

*please write any comments in this box and put in the envelope on the parents notice board*

## What experiences will your child be having this month?

The Christmas post box will be in the entrance areas in both buildings. Your child may want to write Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and put them in the post box



We are counting the days to Christmas using advent calendars

Please see the plans on the notice boards for more details or ask a member of staff for more information

Our nativity play will be on Monday 15th December in the over three's building at 10.30 and 3 0'clock  
You are invited to come and watch

Christmas parties will be held in both buildings on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the following times

**Under three's** 11am-1pm

If your child does not normally come on this day then you are invited to come and stay with your child for the party

*Please let Vanessa know if your child will be coming*

**Over three's** morning 9 -11.30

**Over three's** - the afternoon children's party is on

**Friday** 19<sup>th</sup> from 1- 3.30

*daycare sessions will continue as usual on party days*

There will be a magician and Father Christmas will come and bring everyone a present

Please see the enclosed letter for the teddy bears picnic and family learning for children over three



You will be given some raffle tickets to buy to help pay for the Christmas events

First prize is £50 cash

We are still happy to receive prizes

Thank you for your support

We will be taking small groups of children from the over three's building out on educational visits throughout the year.

This month children and parents can come to the Pantomime in Bolton There are a few tickets left for children and parents

We will be going on 16<sup>th</sup> December in the morning and 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon

**– this is the rearranged date for the day that was cancelled due to snow**

Parents do not need to come – there will be staff going

Please ask in the school office if you would like your child to come