

Alexandra Nursery School and Under Three's Centre

NEWSLETTER March 2009



Diary dates

Education provision in the School will be close from **Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April**

There will be holiday club places in the school building on Monday to Thursday of the first week and Tuesday to Friday of the second week from 8am - 4pm.

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

Reminder

Daycare will be closed on **Good Friday- April 10th and Easter Monday- April 13th**

Both centres will be closed on May 8th for staff training

Parent consultations will take place the week beginning March 16th. You will be send a letter asking you to book a day and a time to speak to your child's key adult. We hope this system will avoid some parents having to wait for a long time

Staff news

Mrs Hena Rabadia will be back working in the over three's centre on March 2nd after her maternity leave

Mrs Reid -deputy head has had an operation and will be off work for the next three months

We welcome Mrs Sumiyah Ismail who has joined us as a member of the over three's daycare team

Mrs Mohmed will be a permanent member of the office staff from April

Mr Elcoat is sadly leaving us due to ill health- we wish him well for the future

Congratulations to Miss Rachael Marland who has been appointed as the deputy Daycare manager for the under three's

You should have had a letter from the council this month telling you which primary school your child will go to in September. Please tell Mrs Allen in the school office if you haven't received a letter.

Please don't park in the school driveway

Some parents and staff are concerned about other parents parking their cars across the school gates. This is dangerous for the children and also inconvenient for staff who need to get out of the car park and are blocked in.

thank you for your cooperation

Pram free zone

If you take your child to the under three's in a pram can you please leave your pram in the pram store before you take your child into nursery- prams parked in the nursery rooms are causing a safety hazard thank you

help your child to help themselves

Shoes

Children must wear proper shoes when they come to our centres. Flip flops and sandals are not safe . You will be asked to take your child home to change shoes if they come in ones that are not suitable

Coats please make sure your child comes in a coat- we play outside everyday and it is still quite cold. It would be very helpful if you could put your child's name inside their coat.

Belts children find it difficult to go to the toilet themselves if they are wearing a belt and may have an accident . This is not good for their self esteem- please make sure they can get their own trousers /pants down.

Events this month

Filming in the under three's centre

We will be having some filming done in the under three's centre on Tuesday March 3rd .

This is for a DVD produced by an international organisation called OMEP .

They have already filmed outdoor activities in the over three's centre.

We took information from parents when your child was admitted that tells us if you do not wish your child to be photographed or filmed.

If you do not want your child to be filmed next week please inform Vanessa.

Circus Gym

Ollie Wotherspoon will be in the over threes centre on March 4th to work with the children on physical activities linked to circus skills of juggling, plate spinning balancing etc..

We will include these activities on out plans for March – please look at the plans on the wall

Small groups of over three's children will go to the **science museum** for a session on SPACE On Tuesday 24TH March and Thursday 26th March

This month is the season of Lent for Christian families. It started on Wednesday February 25th which was Ash Wednesday

Lent should be a season of penitence prayer and fasting and traditionally people give up their favourite food such as chocolate or alcohol for the season to show sacrifice and commitment.

Lent is broken half way through on Mothering Sunday when people can indulge and eat their favourite foods for one day.

Lent finishes on Easter Sunday which this year is April 12th and we celebrate with chocolate eggs - the egg is a symbol of new life.

We are collecting stamps to send to the RSPB to help save the albatross - please bring in stamps from your letters. Leave a centimetre of envelope all around the stamp



Please don't send your child to our centres with food or sweets.

All children have a healthy snack while they are with us and don't need to eat anything else

In your information pack that you were given when your child started with us you will find a leaflet called "how to have a healthy child" which tells you about providing a healthy diet to enable your child to grow strong and healthy

Can I ask parents not to use their mobile phones when you are in our centres.
Staff may want to talk to you about your child and find it very difficult when you are talking on a mobile
Parents often come in to the nursery already having a conversation on the phone
– this means that they are not ready to talk to their child about what they have done or listen to what their child has to tell them

What do you think of this newsletter? What else would you like us to put in ?

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

A large rectangular box with a dashed border, intended for parents to write their comments.