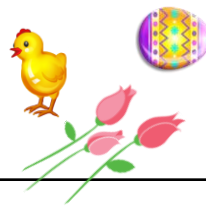


Alexandra Nursery School and Under Three's Centre

NEWSLETTER March 2010



Diary dates

Education provision in the School will be closed from

Monday 29th March until Friday 9th 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 2nd and Easter Monday- April 5th**

Both centres will be closed on May 7th for staff training

Parent consultations will take place the week beginning **April 12th and 19th**

You will be sent 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 Shamim Ughradar is leaving us on Friday 12th March – she has a new job at Sunninghill primary school we wish her good luck for the future. Mrs Oldham and Mrs Reid will be looking after the circle group

Ms Rachael Marland will leave us on April 6th to start her maternity leave.

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 Atcha or Mrs Mohamed in the school office if you haven't received a letter. You need to accept the primary school place by March 27th

Have you been receiving the text messages we have sent you? If you haven't then please check with the school office and make sure we have the correct number.

Can parents of children in the under three's centre give Vanessa your mobile number and then we can also send you messages

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.

Can I remind parents that you cannot use your mobile phones when you are in our centres.

This is to ensure we follow the governments safeguarding requirements

Events this month

This month is the season of Lent for Christian families. It started on Wednesday February 17th 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 March 14th when people can indulge and eat their favourite foods for one day.

Lent finishes on Easter Sunday which this year is April 4th and we celebrate with chocolate eggs - the egg is a symbol of new life.

Easter celebration Easter Hat parade

On Wednesday March 24th in the school and over three's daycare centre

Please make a hat at home with your child – decorate with Easter or spring things like eggs chickens flowers

Morning children -**bring the hat at 10.30 - we will give you a cup of coffee and a hot cross bun** **The children will wear their hats at 11 o'clock and parade for you**

Afternoon children -**bring the hat at 3 o'clock- we will give you a cup of coffee and a hot cross bun** **The children will wear their hats at 3.30 and parade for you**

The hot cross bun is special food we have at Easter – the cross reminds us of Jesus

We will also have an Easter tombola on that day – buy a ticket and win a prize

We would be grateful for any prizes of chocolate eggs for the tombola

All the children will be making a chocolate nest to bring home

We can sing an Easter song

5 eggs and 5 eggs – that's makes 10

Sitting on the top is the mother hen

Crackle, crackle, crackle what do I see -10 yellow chicks fluffy as can be

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Education sessions. Some children are being brought late everyday

Your child must be in school by 9am and 1pm.

The door is closed after this time and your child will be given a **late** mark. This goes in their educational records

Children will **not be allowed** to go for appointments during school time. If you have a hospital appointment you will be allowed to take your child only if you bring the appointment card before the appointment date.

GP and dentist appointments **must be outside** your child's session times