

Alexandra Nursery School
and
Under Three's Centre
NEWSLETTER May 2009



Diary dates

A reminder that both buildings will be closed on Friday May 8th for staff training
The staff are going to visit other settings to see what they do, evaluate what they have seen and use these ideas to improve what we do with our children.

Closure days Monday 25th May bank holiday both buildings closed

Half term holiday - school places will be closed for 2 weeks from Tuesday 26th May until Friday 5th June

There will be holiday club places in the school building on Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June 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.

There will be a workshop for governors and parents on our policy and procedures for developing good behaviour in children. This will last no more than an hour and will be on the following day:

Monday 18th May at 10.30 and 2.30

I am happy to do this workshop again in an evening if enough parents are interested- please let the school office know.

advanced date

individual photographs for children in the under three's centre on Thursday June 4th

Staff news

We welcome Mrs Farhana master to our daycare team in the over three's building. She has been a student with us and is now working from 11.30- 4.30 to cover for staff absences

Mrs Vernon will be back with us on Monday 11th May

Mr Elcoat has left – we will be interviewing for a new clerical assistant this month

Mrs Hazra Patel from the under three's has left us – we will be interviewing for her replacement early this month to start in June.

OFSTED

I am required by Ofsted to give parents and carers the following information.

The under three's centre had an unannounced visit from Ofsted on April 8th 2009 following a complaint they received about our provision- particularly the requirement for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare aspect of the Early year's Foundation Stage.

The inspector says " we were found to be meeting these requirements and no further action will be taken"

Letters for Alexandra Nursery school places for September will be posted to parents at the end of this month.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that it is illegal to have your child in the car without a booster seat or seat belt.

The community police are very concerned about the number of parents breaking the law in this respect. They are focusing their attention on this school and will be issuing spot fines of £80 and 3 penalty points on your licence if they see parents with children not strapped in.

Farm trip- children over three

We will be taking the children to Farmer Ted's farm in Ormsirk on the following dates

Morning children

Thursday 14th may

Afternoon children

Wednesday 20 May

Daycare children will go on both days if they have care on these days

This trip is a full day from 9-4 and school is closed on both days so your child will be off on the day they are not on the trip

You will be given a letter with more details

Events this month

Children in the over three's centre will be learning about



Insects growing the farm

- ❖ All children over three will go on a trip to the farm and we will be planning activities to reinforce the learning from this trip- see the plans on the parents notice boards.
we will sing the song "Old MacDonald had a farm" and talk about food we get from the farm and have a pretend shop in the role play area

We will be looking at how caterpillars change into butterflies- we will be reading the story of "The very hungry caterpillar"

- ❖ we have a visit from the creepy crawl show on May 21st looking at real insects and creatures
We have teacher trainees in the over three's building who will be working with us and carrying out tasks linked to our themes

Children in the under three's centre will be learning about



- ☺ Different things we can do with sand
- ☺ Under water creatures and the seaside- fish boats pebbles- inside and outside
- ☺ Exploring a range of textures and materials - pasta rice gloop shaving foam jelly custard ice and glitter
- ☺ Looking at favourite stories- Elmer, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Handa's Surprise – looking at fruit and vegetables - counting, naming and tasting!
- ☺ Also watching caterpillars change into butterflies
- ☺ Teddy bears picnic- May 20th – you will get more details later
- ☺ Creepy crawl show on May 21st

Governor news

Our parent governors have been working very hard making sure that the actions on the school development plan are being carried out. I would like to thank Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Bhorat and Mrs Mogradia for the support and time they have given.

The next full governors meeting is on Monday 18th May at 5pm

We also have a group of parents who are keen to do fundraising events to raise money to upgrade the school garden – more details later

Bolton Council Policy says that

"All staff are entitled to work without fear of abuse or intimidation." We do our best to respond to concerns and complaints but will not tolerate aggressive or abusive behaviour from parents.

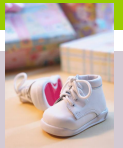
If staff feel threatened by aggressive or abusive behaviour then we **will** call the police.

Shoes

Please make sure your child is wearing shoes

that fit properly and are safe when they are running and playing outdoors

Babies need to wear hard soled shoes if they are beginning to walk – our floors can be slippy if the child wears soft soled shoes and may cause a child to fall and be hurt



Another exciting month for your child- let us know what you think – *Barbara Kenny* head teacher

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