

Alexandra Nursery School
and
Under Three's Centre
NEWSLETTER May 2010



Diary dates

Friday May 7th both buildings will be closed for staff training

Monday May 10th – full governors meeting 5-7pm

Thursday May 13th – morning children to visit the farm- over 3's

May 17th 18th and 19th – walk to school week for over three's children

Thursday May 20th – afternoon children to visit the farm- over 3's

Friday May 21st – governor and staff curriculum meeting for Problem Solving Reasoning And Numeracy 1-2.30

Tuesday May 25th daycare staff meeting at 6pm

Wednesday May 26th – visit from DCSF as part of local authority audit

Thursday May 27th Mrs Reid at UCORLA meeting to plan project for autumn term

Friday May 28th – governor and staff curriculum meeting for Communication language and literacy 1-2.30

Monday May 31st bank holiday both buildings closed

Tuesday June 1st –Friday June 4th Half term holiday - school places will be closed for education children day-care will be open as usual

There will be holiday club places in the school building on **Tuesday June 1st to Friday June 4th** 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.

Staff news

Miss Adele Snape will be back from maternity leave on Tuesday 4th may – she will be working in the under three's centre

Congratulations to Miss Sarah Field and Miss Emma Peachey on being appointed as team leaders.

Miss Field will be a team leader in the over three's from May 17th and Miss Peachy will be a team leader in the under three's. Miss Powell will work in the under three's.

Letters for Alexandra Nursery school places for September will be posted to parents during the first week of June

All children will be entitled to 15 hours funded education from September 2010

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.

Our safeguarding procedures require that you do not use mobile phones when you are in our buildings near the children



Farm trip- children over three

We will be taking the children to Smithill's farm on the following dates

Morning children

Thursday 13th may

Afternoon children

Thursday 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"



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

Staff attended a Saturday conference in April and have got some ideas that they want to try- Hajra will be trying exciting activities with Baby talc.

Thank you to parents who have brought in spare clothes for us to use.

Governor news

Governors have been working with the head teacher to write the self evaluation plan ready for the next OFSTED inspection. This will help us to write the next development plan for September

Governors have also been meeting with staff to look at areas of the curriculum and how these can be developed.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor- if you wish to be a governor you need to commit to the following

- A curriculum meeting one Friday every six weeks from 1-2.30pm
- A committee meeting from 5-7 pm once a term
- a full governors meeting from 5-7pm once a term

please ask Mrs Bromley in the school office for more details.

Mrs Bromley works on Thursdays and Fridays

Ben 10



Children like Ben 10 and often make Ben 10 watches in our cutting area

Some children have been bringing toy Ben ten watches to school and this is causing a problem because other children think the watch belongs to them and get upset when they can't have it. These watches all look the same and the staff don't know which one belongs to which child. Please ask your child to leave the toy Ben 10 watch at home and make one at school.

I have received several complaints from parents about their child using swear words at home.

There are children in the over threes who are swearing and other children are copying this not realising what they are saying. We have a strategy to deal with this in school but is difficult when children tell us that their mum/dad says these words at home.

We will not tolerate swearing in school. If children continue to swear in spite of our strategy then their parents will be asked to come in to school to discuss this with the head teacher and may be asked to remove their child if we feel they are not supporting us in dealing with this

Remember your child can hear everything you say even though you think they might not be listening. They don't always know that swear words are wrong but they will get into trouble if they use them at school.