

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

Diary Dates for November– please note red dates are important- some parents brought children when the school was closed because they had not read the newsletter

November 1st education staff training full governors meeting

2nd – Miss Field on safeguarding training

3rd – school travel plan meeting with staff governors and community representatives; Miss Field on assessment training; students from Manchester university to visit

4th – dance workshop for over 3's children: Miss Valli and Miss Peachey on safeguarding children course: Mrs. Kenny to do training on outdoor learning for teachers from other schools

5th- senior management meeting; governors and staff curriculum meeting for PSRN (maths)

November 5th -Divali holiday for Hindu families

8th – teaching students from Manchester university start their 2 week placement (over 3'S)

9th – groups of children(over 3's) to visit Smithills Hall

10th –Mrs Vernon and Miss Peachey on assessment training

11th- Mrs Reid and Mrs Oldham on maths training

12th- Mrs. Cooney on autism training ; governors and staff curriculum meeting for communication language and literacy

15th-**photographs** – over threes – see over

16th Mrs. Cooney at Special Needs conference; Miss Kirk on safeguarding children course

17th -**photographs** – under threes – see over ; Eid holiday for Muslim children

18th- Mrs Reid and Mrs Oldham on maths training

22nd – **parent consultations all week** – see over; groups of morning children (over 3's) to visit High Street library

23rd- groups of children (over 3's) to visit Bolton museum

24th – walk to school day – see over ; soccer skills training for over 3's children

25th - Miss Kavannah on Baby Moves training ; groups of afternoon children (over 3's) to visit High Street library

26th consultant in to train education staff on Letters And Sounds(phonics) teaching. Mrs Kenny giving training on outdoor play for Bolton council

29th -**parent consultations all week** – see over; Mrs Kenny and Miss Field to be trained to plant willow arch in the garden.

Advance notice CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

THE EDUCATION PROVISION IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL CLOSE AT 4.15 ON **THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER** for the Christmas holidays

Party day is on Monday 20th December for all children – details in next months newsletter

Day care provision is available during the school holidays- please ask at school office for a booking from

EDUCATION PROVISION REOPENS ON WEDNESDAY **5TH JANUARY 2011**

DAYCARE PROVISION IN BOTH BUILDINGS WILL CLOSE AT **1 PM ON FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER** (Christmas eve) and reopen on WEDNESDAY **5th January 2011** You will not be charged when we are closed

Details of training and meetings attended by our staff are here to show parents that we are always updating our knowledge and practice to give your child the best care and education. You can also see when your child's key person is off



Can you help us please?

•**Don't let your child bring food in their pockets or bags-** we are very careful about what we give to children as many have allergies. We can't control this if children are giving each other sweets that they have in their pocket. Last week a child was sharing nuts. This can cause a very serious risk to children with nut allergies and could be fatal for some children.

•**Never never never** let your child bring tablets medicine or matches in their pockets- this is really dangerous.

•Make sure your child's shoes are the right size. It is dangerous for children to be running in shoes that are too big

•Can you show your child how to use the toilet and make sure they know that they don't have to take all their clothes off when they go!

•Please use our school library at least once a week

Please write any comments about this newsletter and put in the envelope on the parents notice board

Ethnic Minority Foundation are running ESOL, IT and Citizenship sessions.

These are free accredited courses for women only from the BME community.

Level 1 – Monday 1 till 2.30pm at the Willows Centre

Entry 1- Monday 1-3pm at Alexandra Children Centre

Citizenship class – Monday till Thursday 10-12pm

Citizenship class – Tuesday and Thursday 1-3pm at Alexandra Children's Centre

IT sessions – Monday & Wednesday 1-3pm at the Willows Centre

If interested please contact Shabnam 07855831773

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.

You must telephone and let us know if your child is not coming

The photographer will be taking individual photographs of over three children in the school on **Monday November 15th**

He will take individual photos of children in the under threes centre on **Wednesday 17th November**

Please tell the school office / day-care manager if you **do not** want your child to have their photograph taken

You will be given proofs and can decide which photos you wish to buy

If you want younger children taken with nursery children then please bring them at the beginning of the session 9 am or 1pm

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

Parent consultation days – both buildings

You will be getting a letter asking you to book an appointment time to come and see your child's key person during weeks beginning **22nd and 29th November**.

This is to discuss your child's progress, find out how you feel about their learning and share what we will be doing next with your child

If you cannot come during these weeks then please ask for an appointment at a time that suits you.

You will be given a sheet to fill in before you come to see the key person. Please fill this in and bring it with you- it will form part of your child's learning journal.

Safeguarding Procedures

Can I assure parents that all photos taken of children are on school cameras which are kept in our buildings and downloaded onto school computers.

Staff do not use their mobile phones in Nursery these are kept locked in staff lockers away from the work with the children. Can I remind parents that mobile phones must not be used in our buildings because of the cameras in them and to Comply with Bolton Council and OFSTED safeguarding procedures

Parents forum

The school and children's centre are hoping to set up a parents forum involving parents that use the centre on Blackledge street, and education and childcare provided by the nursery school. With this newsletter you will be given a leaflet with some questions about setting up a parents forum. Please fill this in and return to either the school or centre.

Mrs Chohan who works at the centre and is also a school governor will be holding a coffee morning for all interested parents at the end of November .
– please let us know if you would like to come.

During December We will be having lucky dips to help pay for the Christmas activities

There will be 2 lucky dip boxes in each building -one for children and one for adults

We need prizes—toys, books and sweets for children to win and things for adults such as

Bath bubbles Perfume Chocolates gifts etc..

Each dip will cost £1 for adults and 50p for children

Please bring gifts to school or under threes centre.

The curriculum plans for both buildings are on the parents notice boards. Please ask staff if you would like to know more about what we are doing.

The governors have approved the school development plan for the coming year. This outlines the work we will be doing across a range of areas. Please ask if you would like a copy.