

The Pink Cottage Newsletter

September 2016

Relocation of Rooms

We hope you will all agree that the relocation of the nursery environments is working very well. The pre-school children downstairs now have a greater sense of space and direct access to the outside environment. The younger children upstairs have a fresh and exciting new environment with easier access to toilet facilities and a lovely, quieter sleep space.

It would be much appreciated if all parents going upstairs could kindly remember to remove their shoes or use covers provided, as we are keen to keep this environment as clean and hygienic as possible.

The new entrance system is also working well with set times for the gate to be unlocked, during which time strict safety measures are in place. At all other times parents, carers and visitors are using the doorbell.

Welcome to new Children

The Autumn Term has started with a real buzz, and there are lots of friendly, new little faces at nursery. We would like to welcome all our new children and families and look forward to sharing many exciting new experiences with you.

If you have any questions about any aspect of our nursery then please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Half Term and Holidays

The October half term is Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October inclusive.

Our last day before Christmas will be Friday 23rd December. Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January.

Staff Changes

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Kelly (who works with our pre-school children in the Bumblebee Rooms) will be moving on. She has a new position at a setting which fits in well with school hours. Her last day will be Monday 26th September. We wish her well for the future.

We are very pleased to let you know that Jade Marshall, our fantastic student from Chichester College, will be with us Monday to Wednesday until the New Year. Jade started at The Pink Cottage as a student a year ago, and she is now in the final year of her level 3 childcare qualification. She will be working as a member of the pre-school team.

Becky Minchin will also be re-joining our pre-school team again from Tuesday to Friday until Christmas.

We are currently recruiting for two new practitioners to work within our pre-school.

Staff Training

Each term members of our team attend different training courses to further their knowledge and practice. We thought it would be informative for you to know which courses different practitioners are attending this term.

- Paediatric First Aid - Gemma and Becky (Butterflies)
- Observation, Assessment and Next Steps - Becky (Butterflies)
- Child Protection - Becky (Butterflies)
- Supporting Boys - Nikki (Bumblebees)
- Early Years Learning & Development Network - Katharine (Manager)
- Safeguarding - Taryn (Butterflies) and Zoe (Manager)
- Inclusion and Special Educational Needs Network - Taryn (Butterflies)
- 30 hours Free Entitlement Information Event - Zoe (Manager)

Tea Time

A polite reminder to please ensure your child has a cool pack in their sandwich box to keep their food fresh.

Please could we also ask that any grapes are cut length ways to minimise the risk of a choking hazard.



We would really value your comments on our nursery as we are constantly seeking to improve our practice. Your ideas and suggestions, any concerns and even any compliments would be very much appreciated. **Please post your reply slips in the Post Box in the entrance hall or hand them to your child's key person. Thank you.**
