

St Michael's Church Pre-School and Nursery Newsletter

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As we look forward to the Autumn & Winter terms we hope you all enjoyed the summer sunshine. As the weather will start to get colder can we please remind you to send your children in suitably dressed. As it is the start of a new term, we would also like to send a warm welcome to

all the new children and parents. We hope your children are settling in and that your time in the setting will be a happy one. If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions the office door is always open!

Vanessa and the Team

Pre-School and Nursery News

Farewell and welcome

We regret to inform you that Amy Diboll has left to finish her Speech and Language course at University. Carla Dukes has left to take a position at a Pre-School and an Open University course. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and wish them both the very best for the future. They will be missed by all staff, parents and children. We would like to welcome Rebecca Filer to the Caterpillar room, we hope she settles quickly into her new role.

Staff Changes

Anjanees Kissoon is moving from Caterpillar room to Butterflies.

Courtyard

Check out the painting in the courtyard. At the end of July a team from "Friends Life" came in for the day and painted the courtyard. We would like to say a big thank you to them for all their hard work. The children have tested out the race track and think it is great.



Keeping you up-to-date

facebook

Did you know that we have a Facebook page?

Please Like and Share!

Policy of the Term- Extract from Positive Behaviour Management Policy



Strategies to Promoting Positive Behaviour

How to encourage behaviour that you would like to see

Positive feedback is the best and most effective way to promote positive behaviour and minimise poor behaviour. This encourages the development of self-confidence and self-esteem. Children need to know they are getting it right, in order to know how they are expected to behave through adults using:

- positive and warm body language
- tone of voice
- physical touch
- praise and compliments (remember to say why)
- encouragement
- attention

When children are praised and rewarded for positive behaviour they are more likely to repeat the appropriate behaviour again and eventually it will become habitual.

Mobile Phones

Can we remind parents that mobile phones are not to be used on the premises.

Get Involved

We are looking to develop the garden area further and will be holding a "Stay and Garden" morning on Saturday 18th October 9.30 – 11.30am. Please let a member of staff know if you are available to help.

Introducing our Parents Committee

We have an established Parent's Committee who aim to meet four times a year. However we have no representative from the Pre-School. If you would like to join the committee please let the office know.

The Parents Committee is available for you to discuss any ideas, issues and/ or concerns that you have regarding the Nursery/ Pre-School and they can bring these to future meetings on your behalf. Next meeting 19th November at 7pm

Free First Aid Course
Acorn are running this course on Tuesday 14th October for two hours (1900 – 21.00). If you are interested please telephone 0845 257 1231

Counting the kicks

Please, please save your empty baby wipes packets for **Count the Kicks**. You have no idea the difference you're making if you do. 17 babies are either born sleeping or pass shortly after being born **EVERY SINGLE DAY** in the UK. Most mothers report noticing a reduction in their baby's movements beforehand but thought this was normal towards the end of pregnancy. It is not. These empty packets earn the charity 2p, it costs them 2p to produce one single leaflet to

be given to a pregnant women to let her know how important it is to count those kicks. Container in the entrance hall to put them in.

Staff Appreciation Board

In the staff room we have a board where all staff have the opportunity to appreciate each other by filling in a certificate. If parents would like to appreciate a member of staff please fill in a Staff Appreciation Form attached.

Website

We are making progress with our website and it will be available in the near future. If you have not returned your form agreeing/disagreeing for your child's photo to appear can you do so as soon as possible.

Update on Africa Project

Jill Cole has made a song sack and two CD's of her singing the songs on the list along with actions. We have sent these items to King's School Nursery Class in Bujumbura, Burindi, East Africa. She has requested that they send us some pictures of the children using the song sack to share with the children here. Jill has also sent some pictures of our children signing the Makaton alphabet. Jill has recorded another CD for use in our own song sack, remember to take the song sack home and share with your child.

Dates for your diary (September - December)

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"Stay and Garden"

Saturday 18th October

9.30 – 11.30am

We will be developing the garden, particularly a sensory area and would appreciate any extra help.

Talk Time

Sure Start Children's Centre are running "Talk Time" every Wednesday 1.15.to 2.45, 22nd October – 17th December. This is an opportunity for parents to spend time with their children in a language rich environment. If you are interested in finding out more ask a member of staff for a flyer.

Nativities

We will be holding the Nativities on Wednesday 17th December.

Pre-School at 9am
Butterflies at 4.30pm

More details to follow.

Babies and Caterpillars will be having their celebration in their rooms.

Carols on the Green

St Michael's Church will be holding this event on Saturday 13th December. It would be great to see you all there!