



# Newsletter

January 2007

**Happy New Year!**  
**Here's to 2007!**

Welcome to the start of the spring term! I hope you all had a good Christmas. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2007.

## **New starters**

We look forward to welcoming Rory, Jean and Alexander, the children who will all be joining us this term.

Many of you will have already met Jane at the end of last term. Jane will be officially starting with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. Jane, a qualified teacher has lots of experience teaching early years children both here and in Asia. Jane, with husband Jonathan have three children of their own. We welcome her to the team.

## **Thank you Santa**

We were all touched by the kind cards and gifts we received from you at Christmas. You were all very generous and it is appreciated, thank you.

## **Fruit Box**

To keep the children supplied with organic fruit for their morning snack we have now joined a box scheme. A wide variety of fruit is supplied every week and it is exciting unpacking the box with the children not knowing quite what has been delivered!

## **Project**

Our topic this term is 'food'. We will be looking at different types; its importance; where it comes from, (the answer is not Sainsbury's!); food from around the world and we hope to grow and prepare some ourselves.

## **Montessori accreditation**

In December we were privileged to be visited by Dr. Helen Prochazka who is one of the leading lights within the Montessori world. Helen is our mentor and will be supporting us through the accreditation process. She was very impressed by how confident and settled the children were, our warm and friendly atmosphere and how kind and considerate the children were towards each other. She also suggested that we are relatively close to being ready for accreditation.

The process has made us reconsider our schoolroom layout and routine again and you will notice a number of changes this term. Many of these changes are required as a result of the increase in children and staff numbers within the school as we continue to expand. We will also now move our 'circle time' to the end of the morning rather than the beginning. This will enable children to come in and start on an activity as soon as they have put on their slippers.

### **Donations welcome**

We are looking for shoe boxes for "touchy feely" boxes and for storing our slippers. Small screw top containers are also needed eg from face cream, mini jam jars etc. Milk bottle tops and old greeting cards are always welcome too.

### **Start time**

It is illegal to leave a child at the school while there is only a single adult present. Before 9.00am we are often preparing the school for the day and so are unable to supervise children. Please could you therefore not leave your child with us until there are at least two members of staff present. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **[www.steventonchildrenshouse.co.uk](http://www.steventonchildrenshouse.co.uk)**

I hope to update our website within the next few weeks. Any suggestions on what you would like to see included will be gratefully received.

### **Full days**

We are running full days every Tuesday this term and extending this to Wednesdays and maybe Thursdays in the summer depending upon demand.

### **French lessons**

These will commence on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and will be half hour sessions starting at 2.15 in the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming Antonia from La Jolie Ronde to our school then.

### **Contact with the School**

If you would like to discuss your child, have any queries or would like some information we can talk briefly at the beginning of the day, we are however always free to talk for longer at the end of the session or can arrange an evening if that is more convenient.

We look forward to a fun and busy term

Best wishes, Marianne.