



# Newsletter

November 2007

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing half term and the children are ready for a fun lead up to Christmas! We have changed the school layout around a little as well as having planned an eventful run up to Christmas.

## **Glazy Daze (plate painting)**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 we will be hosting Emma from 'Glazy Daze'. All children are welcome to join us even if Friday is not your usual day. Parents are welcome to come and help from 10.00. Siblings can come too to decorate a plate. As all plates that are fired have to be paid for, we will ask for parent consent on the day for each child. Judging by the examples we had on display earlier this term, these will make good presents as well as being fun to do.

## **Nature Table**

The nature table aims to reflect the current season. It is made up of items of interest the children have found in the garden, outings or at home. After a break it always looks a little bare. Leaves, nuts, seeds, flower heads, bark, twigs or anything your child may have found on a walk or in the garden will be very welcome.

## **Letter of the week table**

We discuss our letter of the week during 'circle time' and individually during the morning. Children like to show pictures and objects they have bought in beginning with the letter of the week. You can always find out what it is through the notice board or our letter of the week plan for the next half term which will follow this newsletter.

## **Personal toys**

Please can these be left at home. It is distressing for the child if they become broken or lost at school. Small toys are welcome if they are able to go on our letter of the week table.

## **Parents' handbook**

We have just had the updated version of this back from the printers to give out to those parents of children who have recently joined us. Every parent should then have a copy. It contains our contact details as well as what to do if your child is sick, our daily timetable and other useful information.

## **Prospectuses**

If you know of a parent who may be interested in their child joining us, do let us know and we will forward on our latest prospectus.

## **Montessori Accreditation**

Our next accreditation visit will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>. If your child is with us that day you may be asked questions by our assessor and a random selection of you may receive a questionnaire to fill in. As a Montessori school our accreditation body is Montessori Education UK.

## **Special Educational Needs**

Jane Curry has now completed her training as our 'Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator' or 'SENCO'. If you have any queries regarding special needs please feel free to talk to Jane in the first instance.

## **Clothing**

Now the weather is turning cooler, please could children have a warm, named coat and wellingtons at school. We still go outside on most days especially now we have the new equipment from Sainsbury's.

## **Parent's evening**

This is an opportunity for the parents to talk to their child's key worker. It will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00pm. A list of 15 minute slots under each key worker's name will be put on the notice board for parents to sign. If you have any queries regarding this please let Marianne know.

## **Christmas performance**

This year, to reflect the age of the children at our school the performance will be simple, fun and informal. It will take place on our last day of term, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All parents are welcome and encouraged to bring their singing voices and to help eat some mince pies. Details of any costumes needed, exact timings etc. will follow.

If you would like to discuss your child, have any queries or would like some information I can talk briefly at the beginning of the day, I am however always free to talk for longer at the end of the session.

We look forward to a fun and festive run up to Christmas.

Marianne