



# Newsletter

September 2008

We welcome children to the beginning of the autumn term and a new academic year. We are already into the second week and enjoying some autumn sunshine.

## **New starters**

We welcome Rohan who is joining us this term from a Montessori school in Australia, and Hugh and Alex from a Montessori in London. Harriet, Millie and Sarah are all starting with us too this term. All of them have settled in extremely quickly in their first week with us.

## **Sainsbury's goodies**

Following your amazing efforts collecting all those vouchers we have just received our first parcel of obstacle hoops. The children loved trying them out in the hall and taking part in obstacle races. The gym mats are due later in the month. We will now be well equipped for lots of indoor action if the weather is unpleasant this winter.

## **'Colour of the fortnight'**

To help the children identify the various colours this term, we will be focusing on a different colour every couple of weeks. We will be starting with **green**. Children will be encouraged to look out for objects and pictures of that colour at home as well as at school, these will shown and discussed at 'circle time'. The children will also be experimenting with mixing colours.

## **Autumn project**

This will be broadly based around the subject 'myself'. The exact direction this will take will depend upon the children. We will be looking at parts of the body; our similarities and differences. Our emotions and what makes us feel happy and sad as well as our senses, where we live and what we do. We've already started talking about ourselves and have been making happy and sad faces and doing hand prints. We will be conducting various experiments with our senses, making models, listening to different types of music, learning more about road safety and lots more.

If your child has anything connected to this theme that they'd like to show us during circle time, please bring it in. We also would welcome parents/friends to come and talk to us about what they do either as a job or hobby.

## **French**

We have a new French teacher this year. Yannick has got off to a great start and is keen to make the most of our surroundings. Last Tuesday the session took place in the large garden across the road and the children were introduced to the French for various parts of

the body as well as for running, falling, turning and jumping. The children loved it and learnt French at the same time.

### **Primary school admissions**

If your child was born between September 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 and you would like them to start primary school in September 2009, you need to apply by 21<sup>st</sup> November. The primary schools have the application forms. If you have any queries do let us know.

We are registered and qualified to teach children up to 6, and children can still claim the grants until the term after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some of you have already said you'd like your children to stay on which is terrific. Please talk to Marianne if you are interested or would like more details.

### **Parent's evening**

This will take place during the week after half term, dates to be confirmed.

### **Sweatshirts and school bags**

These are not compulsory, but the children do look very smart in our sweatshirts. Our bags too are very practical for taking home pictures etc. The sweatshirts are £10 and the bags are £5 and are available at the school.

### **Clothing**

As 'summer' comes to an end could children bring named wellington boots and a warm coat to school when necessary as we will regularly use the outdoors. A change of clothes should also be at school. There has already been some confusion over slippers, so could you please ensure everything is named.

### **Lunches**

Thank you and well done to all of you who have made a real effort to provide an egg free and healthier lunch for your children and the environment. The amount of waste that cannot be recycled or composted is now very little.

### **Contact details**

If you would like to talk about your child, have any queries or would like some information we can talk briefly at the beginning of the day, we are 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.

Marianne