



# Newsletter

September 2006

Welcome to the start of the autumn term! We hope you've all had a great summer and the children are fit, healthy and refreshed.

We have had a busy holiday with various projects on the go, some of which you will see below so keep an eye on our notice board and look out for future newsletters.

## **New starters**

We look forward to welcoming Owen who will be joining us this term. Our new member of staff Sheena will be starting too, working with us on Tuesdays and Fridays. Sheena lives in Overton. She is a mother of three, a helper at Overton Primary School and a very organised and patient person. We welcome her to the team. We also have 2 new recruits of a different type-Henry and Amanda-more news on them soon!

## **Autumn project**

This will be broadly based around the subject 'All about me'. We will look at ourselves, our differences and similarities and comparisons between us and children in other parts of the world. How people celebrate various festivals will also be discussed as we move into the second half of term and following the success of last years 'Christmas Recital', we plan to have another this December.

## **Toddle Waddle**

This is a fun event we are planning in October to support the Meningitis Trust and raise awareness of this disease. Meningitis kills more children under the age of 5 than any other infectious disease.

We will be having a sponsored waddle to which everyone including parents are welcome. We will appreciate as much help as we can on the day. Watch out for further details on our notice board.

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

This is very exciting! Our new website will be up and running in the next few days. We hope to put up pictures and articles about events like the 'Toddle Waddle'. We would welcome your ideas and thoughts on what you'd like to see on the website.

A very special thank you to Bobby, Sheena's son, for all his hard work in putting this website together.

## **Sweatshirts and school bags**

We are really pleased with these since they were introduced last term, the children look really smart. These are available at the school; sweatshirts £10 and bags £5. It has been suggested that the bags are too cheap so the price may go up soon! Grab yours now.

## **Parent's handbook**

All parents will receive one of these later on this month. It is a guide to our school and discusses subjects such as 'the structure of the day' and housekeeping items such as children's illnesses.

## **Nappies**

We are still happy to change children's nappies when needed. There has been however a recent change in legislation regarding the disposal of human waste. Very heavy fines can now be imposed upon 'commercial' establishments who use their normal bins to dispose of nappies. As from September we will therefore double wrap each nappy before returning it to you to dispose of in the normal way. Apologies for this.

## **Full days**

OFSTED have agreed in principle to let us change our conditions of registration allowing us to operate from 9.00 to 15.00 from January 2007. This will be open to children who are over the age of 3 and ready to cope with a full day. The days we are open all day will depend upon demand so please let me know of your requirements as soon as possible.

## **French**

We are really pleased to be offering French one afternoon a week from January 2007. This follows discussions with Nathalie from 'La Jolie Ronde' who teaches at North Waltham School. The most likely day will be Wednesday, but I will keep you informed of developments.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Following our annual review of the above, there have been some minor revisions to some of our policies. Our admissions procedure however has had to be changed completely due to a number of experiences over the past 18 months. Current children and their siblings will not be affected by the new admissions procedure. A list of all our policies and procedures is on the parent's notice board, they are all available at the school, or I am happy to e-mail any to you.

## **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.

Please note our new e-mail is [childrenshouse.co.uk](mailto:childrenshouse.co.uk), our old one is still active, but not reliable.

We look forward to a fun and busy term

Marianne, Sally and Sheena