



Angel Day Nursery Newsletter



May 2016

Dear Parents,

In July I will have owned Angel Day Nursery for 15 years! It feels like yesterday that I celebrated 10 years here however it is again a good time for reflection. Angels plays an important part of my life and I feel a huge sense of achievement, pride and happiness when I am here. I love watching and hearing the children play and learn and know that I am very privileged to have that insight.

With my children growing up all too quickly, now aged 13, 11 & 9, I urge you all to treasure these nursery & preschool days. Yes they are hard work, tiring, confusing and finding that work/life balance seems impossible, but take time each day to see the fun, wonder, beauty and magic of your children. Don't be in such a rush to move on to the next step that you forget to marvel at what they can already do.

"Enjoy the little things in life...for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things."

Tracey

Staff Update:

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome Leanne back from Maternity Leave. Leanne has been working her "keep in touch" days over the past few months, however she is now back in Green Group Tuesday to Friday. With 2 children of her own, both of nursery age, her experience as both a mother and a nursery practitioner is invaluable to us, the children, and you the parents. Welcome back Leanne!

Room Moves

The children at Angels are divided into 3 age groups; Green Group 0 – 2 years, Red Group 2-3 years and Pre School 3-4 years. The age ranges help us to manage the children's needs and stages of development to ensure that they are happy, confident and able to thrive at nursery. Room moves are decided primarily on age, however we also take into account the development needs of the individuals, their readiness to make the transition and where possible we like to move a group of children together to ensure that there are familiar faces and friends to make the move together. Sometimes space availability will have an impact on room moves and the age at which these transitions are made, and especially with the move to pre-school while we wait for the school leavers to make their next steps.

Hollie and the room staff will discuss the children due to move near to their 2nd or 3rd birthdays and will then contact you with information and dates for the children's transitions.

We would like to reassure you that we have the children's best interests at heart and that we do not want them to rush through nursery missing all the fun of each room. Children are planned for and catered for individually with the EYFS as a guide to development stages and the staff in each room adapt their planning and activities to support all children. Finally, access to the 2, 3 & 4 year funding is not dependant on the room they are in. Funding is based specifically on the age of the child, with 3 year funding being available from the term after the child's 3rd birthday (September, January or April).



We are in the process of updating our website. Please visit www.angeldaynursery.co.uk to see the changes so far! We are soon launching a new parents page which you can login to for more specific information and pintables. Any feedback would be most welcome....



Drinks at Nursery...



Water is available all day at nursery for the children to access. In Pre-School and Red Group it is available for the children to access independently and in Green Group it is always on the side and many children only have to point to request it or the staff offer regular opportunities to drink. Water is also always provided at every meal/snack time.

However, some children drink better from their own familiar drinking bottles, and with the weather warming up, we want to ensure that the children here remain properly hydrated. If you would like to send a water bottle in for your child please do so on a daily basis. You will need to ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name, and that they know what it looks like. You will also be responsible for cleaning it daily (unfortunately we do not have the washing up capacity to deal with these on a daily basis)



Parents Evening – Thursday 2nd June

6- 7.30pm

Please come along to our parent's evening in June.

We have recently sent out reports for Red Group and Green Group and Reports and Transition Reports for Pre-School are due out in due course. Parents evening is a great opportunity to discuss these reports with nursery staff and to spend time in the nursery finding out how your children are getting on.

We look forward to seeing you.

Staff Training:

We like to keep up-to-date with training and essential qualifications for staff at Angels. Some of the staff training that has been attended recently is:

Paediatric First Aid, Child Protection
Food Hygiene & SENCO



Sainsbury's Vouchers



Please bring in your Sainsbury's vouchers

Free for 3&4's (Nursery Education Funding)

There will be no funding available for half term week 30th May – 3rd June 2016, and the last funded Day for this term is Friday 15th July.

Funding will be available in September 2016 for children turning 3 between April and end of August 2016 – Information will follow nearer the time.

Lulu Parker Evie Sharpe Gus Anderson

Please can you make sure that children's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled, especially babies bottles and cups.

If bottles aren't labelled we will have to label them ourselves with a permanent marker!

Order labels from www.easy2name.com and enter "Angel Day Nursery GL53" at the checkout to earn cash back for the nursery.

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We have sent out a copy of our sun protection policy this week. Please ensure that your children have a sun hat and spare sun cream in their bags, or to leave at nursery.



We ask that you apply suitable sunscreen before they arrive at nursery.

REMINDER...



There has been an increase in early drop off and late pick-ups. Please can we remind you to adhere to your booked session times.

Charges will be made for early and late drop off times unless agreed in advance with Hollie.