



Angel Day Nursery

Newsletter



October 2011

With less than 76 sleeps til Christmas (yes, my children are already counting down!) it looks like we have had the very last days of summer and we are now fully into autumn. The leaves are falling, making a colourful blanket on the ground, the conkers and acorns are falling plentifully for the children to collect in the parks and pre-school have been celebrating Harvest Festival.

This time of the year gives rise to lots of learning opportunities for the children, and as we head towards Christmas there are a number of festivals and celebrations we will be covering at nursery. Please take some time to look at the ever changing art work on display and talk to your children at home about what they have done or are doing at nursery. We are always keen to hear how you celebrate or mark these special occasions too....

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at parents evening, in the mean time enjoy this colourful season and remember the fun you used to have, as a child, rolling in the crunchy autumn leaves, or the joy of finding that huge shiny conker and share the joy of your children enjoying these special moments

Tracey

Special Offer

Extra Nursery Sessions on Mondays and Fridays from £15

Extra Monday & Friday Sessions booked, in addition to regular attendance days, up to Christmas are available for all ages:

Half Day: £15

Short Day (9am – 3pm): £20

Full Day: £25

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis

Sainsbury's & Tesco Vouchers

We have recently taken delivery of the equipment we ordered with the vouchers collected.

Many thanks once again for all your support.



Diary Dates...

-  Photographer – Tuesday 25th October
-  Fireworks – Wednesday 2nd November
-  Parents Evening – Tuesday 8th November
-  Christmas Concert – Thursday 15th December
-  Christmas Closing:

Friday 23rd December: Nursery closing at 4pm

Monday 26th – Friday 30th December: Nursery Closed

Monday 2nd January: Nursery Closed

Tuesday 3rd January: Nursery Open as usual



Session Swaps...

Please note that while we will make every effort to swap sessions for you, it is not always possible due to numbers and ratios.

Swapped sessions are done as a goodwill gesture and should therefore be agreed with Hayley and used within a week of your regular session.

Staff Update:



Congratulations to Becky (pre-school) for gaining Early Years Professional Status (EYPS). EYPS is the graduate level professional accreditation programme for leading practitioners in the early years sector, and Becky has worked very hard over the past 12 months to gain this and we are very proud of her.

Frances and Joanne have started their Level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development and we wish them the best of luck with their studies.

Other courses staff have attended or will be attending include "Blue Sky Thinking", "Inspiring Creative Play", "Food Hygiene" & "Paediatric First Aid"

●●● Children in Need Week ●●●

Look out for all our fundraising activities for this worth cause in the week 14th – 18th November



Baby Sign Language

The whole Angel Team recently attended a baby sign language workshop. For many of us it was an opportunity to revise and develop the signing we had already learned from the course we took in 2010 and for the rest it was a positive introduction into signing for children.

The workshop has given us the encouragement to use signing positively at nursery and we also learned some fun new songs to sign along to. Successful signing takes practice for both adults and children and hopefully your children will bring some of these songs and signs home in due course...

What is baby signing and how will it benefit my child?

Baby Signing is the use of simple signs and gestures with babies and young children in order to help them communicate before they can talk.

Research has shown that using signs can help to develop your child's language skills. Babies taught baby signs often learn to speak sooner and have richer vocabularies than non-signing babies. Baby signs can also alleviate a baby's frustration and avoids the need for the baby to be totally dependant on pointing or crying to communicate their needs. Using signs will also help to boost self-esteem and can enrich interactions between the children and their carers at nursery.



BRISTOL STANDARDS

In January we are embarking on the journey to gain the Bristol Standard Quality Assurance accreditation.

The Bristol Standard is a self-evaluation framework that supports all settings to develop and improve the quality and effectiveness of their provision. It is an annual cycle of reflection which is ongoing, using a whole team approach. It involves practitioners working together, to reflect on their practice, in order to improve outcomes for all children and their families.

It will take a year to complete, however we believe it will have a positive impact on the quality of the setting and are very excited about the journey it promises to take us on.

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

There will be no funding available for half term week 24th – 28th October 2011.

Funding will be available in January 2012 for children turning 3 between September and end of December 2011 – Information will follow nearer the time.

Scrap Paper Appeal...

We would be grateful to receive any scrap paper you could donate. As long as one side is blank for writing or drawing on and there is no confidential information on it we would be happy to make use of it at nursery.

Any shape, size or colour...perhaps there is paper at your place of work that would otherwise be thrown out...

