

It's the Little Things

Children's Day Nursery

Welcome!

Hello to you all at this festive time of year! Christmas is approaching quickly and there are many things going on... so let's have a look at what has been happening over the last couple of months!



Little Variety Show

We'll be holding our very own Royal Variety Show, led by our music and drama teacher Charlie Adams. Charlie, who studies at LIPA (the 'Fame' School) is also part of the acclaimed 50-piece choir Sense of Sound who performed at the 'live' Liverpool Nativity. She has also sung with pop stars including Blur's Damon Albarn. The children have been in rehearsals for their big day on Tuesday 18th December.



Forest fun

On Friday 30th November, a group of 19 children and 11 staff and parents set off for Delamere Forest. On arrival we were met by 'Santa's little helper' then went off to visit Santa himself! The children placed Christmas wishes on The Wish Tree before enjoying a yummy packed lunch in a nice warm cabin. The tree we bought now takes pride of place in the entrance hall and is looking and smelling fantastic!

Hola! Pepita

We would like to welcome our new (ish) Spanish teacher Pepita Stoneley, who has been working with children in all of our rooms. Pepita, who teaches at Southport College, is Spanish herself and is having a lot of fun with the children.

Our little rooms

From January, we are changing the names of our four rooms to reflect our lovely surroundings:

- 0-1 will be little bunnies
- 1-2 will be little squirrels
- 2-3 will be little hedgehogs and
- 3-5 will be Pre-school owls.

The children might find it a little strange at first, so we would be grateful if you could talk to your little one about the new name so that they become familiar with it over the Christmas break.

A little award

We're very proud to announce that we were Highly Commended at the national Nursery Management Today Awards in London for our wonderful setting, commitment to fresh food and innovative approach to childcare. Well done to all the staff for helping us achieve this accolade.

The Big Toddle

Thank you so much to all of the children, staff and parents/carers who took part in the Big Toddle in October. We raised a grand total of £655 (over £200 of this was raised by Aimee's mum and dad!) Well done to everyone who contributed.

Children in Need

Another big thank you, as we raised £104 and had a great time dressing up in our 70's gear and dancing away to some funky tunes!



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A few moans

Please, please remember to label all of your children's clothes, including coats and shoes. We have had a few mix-ups lately. Please can we ask you to take care in the car park. The entrance and exit have been changed back to the way they were.

Could we also ask that you try to utilise all the space in the drop-off bay. We can get four cars next to each other in the bay, if people think before they park... and don't park at an angle, etc..!

Plea for old clothes

We are currently short on spare clothes for the older children (2-5's) especially socks, trousers, vests etc both boys and girls.

Free flow outdoor play

It is very good practice to allow our children to flow freely between the indoor and outdoor space, something which we are currently trying to achieve in the Tots and Beans rooms. To do this, we need to store coats near the doors so that children can access them independently and go out when they please – under supervision. We are therefore appealing for donations of any old coats. Thank you!

Achievements!

Baby Unit would like to say congratulations to a baby who has just reached that amazing milestone of crawling – well done! They also say welcome to a few new faces who have settled in brilliantly. On the sad side, they will soon be losing two of their babies who are moving up to the next room and want to wish them well!

Baby Room (1-2) are very proud of all of their children who are showing great potential in Spanish! (Now you know where you have to go on holiday next year, parents!) Jelly Tots say that they are very pleased at the way their children are handling the changes in the room due to all of the gates being taken off to allow much more free-flow play – well done, Tots!

Diary Dates

December:

Friday 14th nursery closes at 4.30pm

Mon 17th Jelly Tots party 3-5pm all tots welcome.

Tues 18th Jelly Beans singing carols at Willow Day Centre and Harrison House between 10am and 11am. Parents welcome.

Christmas Dinner!

Wed 19th Jelly Beans party 3-5pm all Beans. Thurs 20th

Baby Unit (0-1) party 10.00-12noon all babies from this room welcome. Jelly Babies (1-2) party 3.00-5.00pm. All Babies welcome.

LAST DAY nursery will be open until 8.00pm.

Wed 4th January 2008

Nursery re-opens, 7.45am.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome some fantastic new staff members to the team. These include Sandra, who is the new Baby Unit Leader. Sandra is Level 3 qualified and has a lot of experience – not least in being a mother herself. Based mainly in Beans, we have Lynsey-Ann, who is also Level 3 qualified. She has worked with all age groups and has fitted straight in across the whole nursery. Based mainly in Tots is Jenni, who is working towards her Level 3 qualification. We have also taken on Emma who you will see based across the whole nursery. Emma is Level 2 qualified and will be working with all age groups.

Staff – Leavers!

We have had a few staff leave us to pursue other goals lately. Namely Sarah, Michaela and Kerry (the cleaner). All have moved on to other posts and we have taken on new staff to cover them. We wish them all the best in their new positions. Sadly Yvonne (Beans) has decided not to return to work, she is taking time out to be with her family, so our best wishes go to her. Another sad announcement is that Laura (baby room) will be leaving us around Christmas time for a career change. We will be sad to see her go as she has been a valuable member of the team. Please keep in touch, Laura!



Looking good

Jelly Beans are looking extremely smart in their new uniform! If you would like information about cost etc. then see Danniella or Sue in the office.

On behalf of all staff, may we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!!