

It's the Little Things Children's Day Nursery

Welcome!

Hello! We have had a busy (if a little wet!) summer and would like to send our very best wishes to all those children who are leaving us to go to school. You will all be sadly missed.



Parents' evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to parents' evening in July. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to drop in and look at your child's development file and chat to their key carer. The response was good and staff were very enthusiastic about the experience.

Good luck

Staff in all rooms would like to wish all of their children who have moved on to the next room recently, the very best – please pop back in to see them from time to time!

School's in forever!

There have been lots of changes in the rooms, with children moving on, and some staff too! As you know we have said a tearful goodbye to Cheryl, Abby and Gemma, who have all moved on to pastures new. We received an email from Cheryl a couple of days ago – in Italy! She's fine, but missing everybody, she says! Bethan has started in the Owls room (the pre-school) and is very excited about getting to know all of the children. Most of you will know that Bethan has seven years experience in primary schools. She will run the Owls with Louise.

Seaside in style

More than a dozen children were treated to a trip to the seaside in a stretch limousine during the summer, thanks to one of our parents. Kirsty, who owns Limelight Limousines, organised for a car to take children and staff to Formby Point, spotting squirrels in the nature reserve and searching for shells and crabs on the beach. They had a fantastic day out, and a picnic to boot!



Smiling all the way to the seaside; Abbie is happy



Alex searches for red squirrels



The Big Dig; the sandcastle competition begins





A fistful of dollars

Thank you so much to everyone who took part – or sponsored someone – in this year’s cowboys and Indian themed Big Toddle event this year. We truly exceeded last year’s figure, by raising £762.75 for Barnado’s and £254.25 to go towards new nursery resources. Well done!

How! Kian and Grace show cowboys and Indians can work together

Smile please!

The new Early Years Foundation Stage is now being implemented. We need photographs of all children and their family, friends, pets, house etc, so that staff can complete a ‘passport’ for their key children. This will be updated and passed on to different rooms as the child moves on.

Planting the seed

We are wondering if there is anyone out there with gardening expertise – a parent, carer, grandparent, uncle, aunt etc – who could come in to nursery and give us some advice on planting our own vegetables? Also, does anybody know of anyone who can make or knit dolls clothes? We have lots of poor dollies who will soon start to shiver as we have a severe lack of clothes! If anyone is interested in offering some help, please come to the office!

Rain rain go away!

Can we request that all children be provided with rain coats and wellies that can preferably be left in the nursery as this enables us to take the children out in all weathers, at any time.

Nursery Bags

Please can you ensure that your child’s spare clothes etc. are in their It’s the Little Things bag. Some children have larger rucksacks and these are just taking up too much space on the pegs. If you do not have a nursery bag, please call in to the office.

Medication – URGENT

Do not leave any medication in your child’s bag. Please ensure that it is handed to a member of staff and a medication form completed. Can we also remind you that all medication (including creams) must have a pharmacy label with the child’s name on it.

Sponsored swim

Louise (owner) is about to embark on the Aspire channel swim. This involves swimming 22 miles (about 1,408 lengths) in 14 weeks. The money raised will go to Aspire – a charity working with people with spinal injuries. Louise plans to get fit while helping a very good cause. If you wish to sponsor her, there is a form in the entrance hall.

Dates for your diary

These dates have been highlighted so far, but we will probably add a few more in!

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| Friday 31st October | Hallowe’en fancy dress party day |
| Wednesday 5th November | Photographer |
| Friday 14th November | Children in Need mis-match day |
| Tuesday 2nd December | Owls Delamere Forest trip |
| Wednesday 24th December | Nursery closes at 12.00 |
| Monday 5th January 2009 | Nursery re-opens at 7.45am |
| January (to be decided) | Parents’ Evening |

What’s the story?

Lucy looks after Winnie the Pooh for National Book Week this year. Each room adopted a theme with each child bringing their favourite book to nursery.



Nursery Fair

Our fair became a real community affair, with face painting, puppet making and a visit from the Lady Mayoress



If you haven’t already, don’t forget to look at our new website at www.itsthelittlethings.co.uk