



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH



May 2013

The sun is beginning to shine- and the children are enjoying looking and listening for the signs of Spring. We have done lots of planting over the last few weeks and now the children will need to care for their plants as they watch them grow and hopefully receive the benefits as we tuck into the the produce from the garden at lunch time!

Transition to school- The children going to school in September should now know which school they will be going to. We will be planning lots of activities and experiences over the next few months to make the transition process to school as smooth as possible. We have planned a parents evening on the 22nd May for parents whose children are going to school. This will be an opportunity to meet the other parents whos children will be moving on to school. We will share ideas to prepare your child for school and there will be displays and literature to look through. We will also invite some parents from last year to talk about their experiences and share with you some helpful tips!

The time will be:- 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Sickness and holiday policy- Please can we remind you of our sickness and holiday policy if your child is sick you will be expected to pay the child's full fee, however if your child has long term health issues please come and discuss this with Fiona and Sue as we can be flexible

We would also like to remind parents/carers that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they must not return to nursery for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Lost items- In reception there is a washing line of lost items. As you may have noticed it is getting very full. Please can you claim any lost items by the end of June when we shall be clearing the line.

Parent Questionnaire- Please find attached the report from the parent questionnaire completed in January. We hope you appreciate our feedback, we find this questionnaire such a valuable oppurtunity to hear from you about what we are doing well and what we can improve upon. Please keep coming with the comments as we feel it is important to keep this dialogue open all year so we can aim for the best possible provision and care for your children. There is now a comment box in reception that you can put in any suggestions and comments. As you know we are always responsive to feed back so do not hesitate to talk to

the staff if you have any comments. Copies of the data and attached report is displayed on the parents notice board.

Summer is on its way!!- Can you please bring in suncream labelled with date opened and your child's name. Also provide your child with a sunhat and a change of clothes as I am sure we shall be getting wet from waterplay outside!

2 year funding-Families from September 2014 may be entitled to 2 year funding.

If you are claiming the following

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related Employment and support allowance
- Support under V1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have any annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

If you think you may be entitled to this **15 hours of free funding per week** please speak to Sue or Fiona. Please share this with other families not in the setting. We are eligible to receive children who get this funding.

Parent texting service- Please let Sue know if you have not been receiving these texts. We have added one carer per child to the system to receive texts.

Webpage- We are still in the process of updating our website and soon hope you will be able to access information such as the parent questionnaire and newsletter from this site.

Nursery flier- We have a flier about Rocking Horse. Please can you give these to anyone who may be interested in coming to Rocking Horse or if you know of any where they can be displayed, please ask Sue or Fiona for some.

We hope to have a fantastic summer, enjoying our lovely outdoor space. We will soon announcing the date for our summer garden party, which as our old parents know is a very special day when all parents are invited to the party and we have a graduation celebration for the children leaving to go to school.

