

NEWSLETTER..... November 2016



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Welcome to our November newsletter.

Updates

Thank you to the parents from the Monsters room for attending the meeting on Monday 7th November to discuss the way forward for our 3-5 room and children. Sadly, Nicola has decided to move on to pastures new. Together we discussed the way in which the monster room will now move forward. Continuity of care and the children's wellbeing is our focus, so we have now named Kathleen (senior of baby department) head of both our Duckling and Monster Departments. Kathleen has over 16 years' experience, she has experiences working with all age groups, experiences of deputy duties and has also managed a nursery. She will bring new learning initiatives such as Reggio Emilia, Oh Lila and much more, you can receive information regarding these new learning experiences at our information station located at our front entrance.

Should you wish to speak with myself and I am unavailable, please leave a message with either of my senior team - Kathleen or Alana and I will call you, alternatively please email.

Our office opening hours are 9.30am - 5.30pm, should you wish to pay fees out with these times Kathleen or Alana will be able to take the money and give you a receipt later in the day. Alternatively, you can pay over the phone, or set up a standing order.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening - Monday 5th December 2016 @ 6:00pm - 7:15pm (you will shortly see a time allocation sheet within your child's room, please write your name on the preferred time).

Monsters Christmas Extravaganza with complimentary mince pie and tea - Tuesday 13th December from 3.30pm - 4.30pm (tickets on sale from 28th November).

Visit from Santa - Wednesday 21st December 2016 (if your child does not attend nursery on a Wednesday, but you would like to still bring them to see Santa, there will be a time allocated for this).

Please note the nursery will be **CLOSED** 26th and 27th December and 2nd and 3rd of January. If your child attends the nursery FULL TIME, you will not be charged for these days, all other children who attend the nursery on Monday and Tuesdays will be allocated the days at another time - please confirm this with Annette first. The days must be recouped before 31st March 2017 or these days will be lost.

Throughout the Christmas period we are opened as normal, if you know your child will be absent from Nursery can you let me know, just to limit the wastage of food stuff and milk. Opening hours will still be 8am - 6pm.

Staffing

A huge congratulation to Lauren Livingstone whom has qualified and is now working full time within our baby department.

As you may be aware Joanna works on a part time basis within our baby department - due to the continued growth of the room we have now employed Mhari to undertake the rest of the week. Mhari is unqualified but has many years' experience working with children. Mhari will be undertaking her qualification from December.

We also welcomed Alyson to our team, Alyson was successful within her trial period here at Balmore, and will also be undertaking her training with us.

Stephanie will also be joining us. Stephanie is a qualified practitioner, with experience working in nurseries both here and Australia. I'm sure Stephanie will bring great passion and ideas to our service.

Please see the front notice board in the reception for our staff photos and job titles.

Training

Throughout the month of November our staff team will be attending training on:

- Child protection/advanced child protection
- GIRFEC
- Autism awareness - (full day course)
- Child smile - tooth brushing programme

Santa

We are on the lookout for a grandad to undertake the very important job of being Santa Clause this year. Please give me a call if you know anyone who is up for this very important job.

Thanks

Annette and team

