

Childsplay Newsletter

Autumn 2015

We would like to give a warm welcome to all the children who have started at nursery recently. We hope you really enjoy your time at Childsplay.



Oak & Willow - Michelle, who works in Oak room, has completed and passed her training and now has her Early Years Teaching Status (EYTS) In this role she will support all the other staff enabling them to deliver the EYFS effectively which will promote the children's learning. Congratulations Michelle.

In the Willow room we have a new member of staff, Chelsea. She started in August and has already formed great relationships with the children and parents. We also have an apprentice who has started over the last few weeks called Clara. Clara will be based in pre-school dividing her time between Willow and Oak. We are continuing with our Themes. Our current themes are 'Autumn time' (Willow) and 'Life at Sea' (Oak). We have re-introduced our book bags. They are located in the pre-school corridor. They contain topics such as Seasons, Letters and Settling In. Please ask a member of staff if you wish to borrow one to take home.

School admissions- If your child is eligible to start Reception Class in September 2016 you can apply online for a school place at www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions. Please ensure you apply before the **closing date 15th January 2016**

Snowdrop and Bluebells - Kirsty, a former member of staff is returning to Childsplay. She will be based in Snowdrops and Bluebells.

Karen would like to remind the parents to please look at the blog on our website as she updates it on a regular basis with information regarding themes and what the children are doing. Their current theme is 'Animals' and then the children will be learning about 'Autumn'



Teddybears - Gemma will be returning after her maternity leave in December, she will be working Monday and Tuesdays. We look forward to Gemma's return. The children have been enjoying singing and have made an 'Incy Wincy Spider' display in their room.

Cubs - The staff in the cubs room have been very busy settling in all the new children, who are settling well. The children have enjoyed going out to play and exploring.



Allergies

We have a number of children who have allergies. Can we please ask all parents not to bring any food which is prepared at home into nursery for e.g. birthday cake, unless it is in a box so we can check ingredients to ensure the children can have it. Thank you.



Wellies - Can all parents please ensure their child has suitable wellies clearly marked with their name please for nursery. The children go out in all weathers and this would be a great help. Thank you.

Outdoors - Jade, our outdoor co-ordinator has been working hard with Michelle and her colleagues to improve learning outside. They are promoting the importance of outdoor learning through the use of natural resources. We have purchased a 'Mud Kitchen' which will give the children the experience of the natural world. Children are intrigued to know how materials behave and what they do. So the process of making concoctions brings the worlds of science and art together, Jade has typed a letter to parents explaining in detail how this benefits the children. It also promotes social interaction through role play.



Michelle (EYTS) will be attending a Forest School Taster session which will give guidance on how to make use of the environment in a more imaginative way and looking at how limited resources can extend children's thinking. The session will include forest school activities.

Jade and Sarah have also introduced a 'Bug Hotel'. They are in the process of gathering the resources and will be putting it together with the help of the children to make nice cosy spaces for all the little bugs which the children can then experience and explore.

Thank you to the parents who have given and offered their resources for this project.

Security: For parents who have children in Oak or Willow (upstairs) If you would like to register on our biometric entrance system. Please come into the office for details.

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Our Website is up and running and we are very pleased with it. We are doing our best to keep it updated with our events and news so please take a look. We would welcome any feedback you may have. All the rooms have a nursery blog, so please make sure to log on to see what your child's room is up to.



We have a nursery face book page which has a link on our website. Please take a look and like our page
Thanks x

Nursery Education Funding

Each child is eligible for NEF from the term after they are 3. **The next term is Autumn which starts in September.** When your child is eligible in that term you will receive and a form for you to fill out and return. It is important that this form is returned promptly to the office so your claim can be submitted to Liverpool City Council. Those eligible will receive letters nearer the time.

2 year Funding Some 2 year olds may be eligible for free early education and childcare, visit the Liverpool Early Help Directory for more information. www.fsdliverpool.gov.uk

Early Years Pupil Premium - From April 2015, as a provider of free Early Years education, we can claim up to £302 per child to enhance the support and education that they receive.

The additional funding, known as 'Pupil Premium' is available to those parents who are in receipt of certain benefits or were the child has been adopted from care or subject to a special guardianship or child arrangement order.

The Pupil Premium is spent to the benefit of each child at the discretion of the Manager.

Please take a look on the Liverpool.gov.uk website under Early Years or follow the link from our website to see if your child qualifies for the funding.



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