



Westmill Nursery

Learning through play

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APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations!

This is a very exciting Newsletter for us as we have some special news to tell you.....

On Wednesday 30th March we had an unannounced visit from Ofsted to inspect our nursery and we are extremely pleased and proud to announce that **WE ACHIEVED OUTSTANDING IN EVERY AREA for the second time!!**



This is a huge achievement for us all, particularly due to current strict regulations and requirements. Every member of staff works consistently hard to ensure that they are providing the highest standard of care and education for all children. The report highlights this by stating 'The owner and staff team are forever challenging their practice to look for more effective ways of working and to provide additional resources for the children'. This particularly refers to our Secret Garden. We have attached a copy of our report for you to read at your leisure.

We would like to thank every parent for their support in helping us achieve such a rare award by inviting you to our 'Celebration Tea Party' on Friday 6th May at 1pm in our Secret Garden (weather permitting). Please come along for a slice of cake and cup of tea to celebrate with the children.

I would also like to say HUGE thank you to all the staff and children for making Westmill Nursery such a special place to work and play!

Lorraine

Pyjama Day for CLIC Sargent

Thank you for your kind donations for CLIC sargent in return for your child wearing pyjamas to nursery for the day on 28th March. We raised £37 which has been sent off.

Welcome to our new members of the team

We are pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited two members for our team, Sandra Hawkins and Claire White who will both be joining us at the beginning of next term.

Sandra will be with us temporarily whilst Sarah enjoys her maternity leave. Sandra is an experienced lady having recently worked in an early years, she has two daughters of her own and is also in the very final stages of completing her Early Years Professional status. We are sure that she will be a real asset to our team.

Claire will be working two days a week as well as undoubtedly covering other members of staff for training etc. Claire has an NVQ2 in early year's education and has been working with children for many years having previously helped to run a mother and toddler group and more recently the local beaver group. Claire has 3 children of her own and we are pleased to support her in her plans to continue her professional development with us.

We are sure that you will welcome them both. Please do join us for our Royal Wedding lunch on Thursday 28th April at 12.15pm where you will have the opportunity to meet both Claire and Sandra.

Reminders – Friday 8th April & Thursday 5th May

Just a reminder that Nursery will be CLOSED on Friday 8th April for INSET day and Thursday 5th May as the hall is required for Polling. Thank you for your understanding.

Would you like to win a raffle?

Lorraine will be holding a raffle before she departs for Florida to raise funds for Acorn House based at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. Acorn House provided Lorraine and her family with accommodation and support during her son's recent stays in hospital. It continues to provide a 'home from home' for families who have a seriously ill child in hospital. If you would like to purchase some tickets please see any member of staff before Thursday. £1 a strip or £5 for 6 strips, please note your name and tel. no on the back. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 9th and we will call if you have won! Thank you.

Prizes include:

- £30 Skin Deep voucher
- £20 Piggotts butcher voucher
- £25 Morden & Hobbs Hair Design Voucher
- Flowers from Crazy Daisy
- Big box of Thornton's Chocolates
- Bottle of Champagne
- Sanctuary Spa Products
- Plus other prizes

Sainsbury & Tesco Vouchers

We are collecting both Sainsbury & Tesco vouchers now. Please pop them into the collection boxes on top of the lockers. In previous years we have been able to redeem them for some great equipment for the children. Thank you for your support.

Thursday 7 th April	End of Term (Fri 8 th INSET Day)
Tuesday 26 th April	Beginning of Summer Term
Thursday 28 th April	Royal Wedding Lunch/Meet new staff
Friday 29 th April	Public Holiday
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	Nursery CLOSED for polling
Friday 6 th May	Celebration Tea Party!!
Monday 30 th May to Fri 3 rd June	Half Term

Kindest regards

All the team at Westmill Nursery