



FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

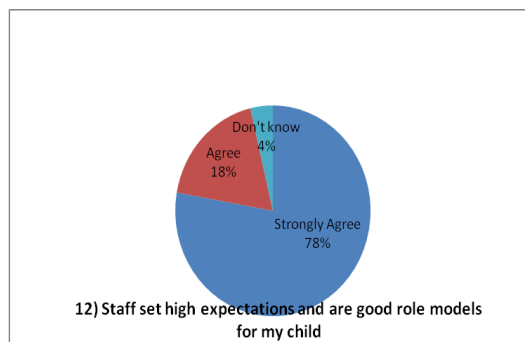
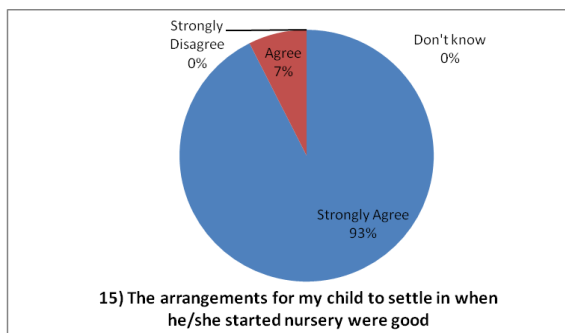
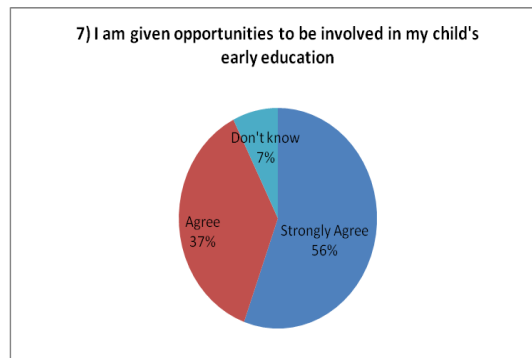
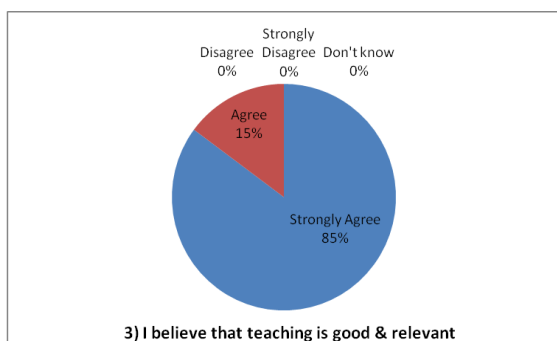
Results of our Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took a few moments to complete our annual questionnaire. We received 27 responses which is an above average response and are pleased with the results. Your feedback has enabled us to identify the things that you like and are working for you and your child, but also points us in the right direction on the things we need to improve on. For us to improve we need your thoughts *How would you like to be involved in your child's education? How would you like to be kept informed about your child's progress? What else can we do to improve the service we offer you?*

We would like to invite all of our parents, both mothers and fathers to a short informal session to gather as many of your views as possible. Please join us on **Monday 8th March 7 to 8pm**. Refreshments including naughty cakes will be on offer! During this session we will be explaining and showing you the systems we have in place to plan your child's progression through the Early Years Foundation Stage and also answering any questions you have.

Please come along, your views are important to us – and please don't let us eat all the cakes!

We thought you would be interested in seeing a few of the results. The full report can be found at the back of our SEF file in the Parents Box if you would like to take a look.



Coats

We are still struggling to match some coats to children once they are taken off the pegs. Please name your child's coat if you haven't already done so. It takes up a member of staff valuable time trying to match an un-named coat to the correct child. This time could otherwise be spent with a child. Thank you.

Notice of Leaving

Just to remind you that if you know that your child will be leaving us soon we require a minimum of half a terms notice or more if you are able to give it to us. This helps us to manage our waiting list and avoids you having to pay one months fees in lieu, if this notice is not received. Thank you.

Join us for Streetwise – Pedestrian skills training programme

To support next half term's topics we are talking about road safety. We have invited Katherine Ware from the Road Safety Unit at Hertfordshire County Council to visit us on **Tuesday 2 March at 9:30am**.

Please come to the meeting and participate with your child. By working together, we can hopefully ensure your child will have a better understanding of the road environment. We need the support of everyone with children in their care to ensure that this programme is successful.

The Streetwise programme is designed to promote Road Safety Awareness to children from pre-school age until the end of primary school.

A book for children **'Stepping Out Together'** will be on sale at the meeting at a cost of **£1.70**. This is a great resource for teaching basic road safety.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Ethnic Data Collection

Forms requesting this data were sent out a while ago, but unfortunately we did not receive everyone's back. If your child receives another form in the next few days please do complete this and send it back to us. We are required by Hertfordshire County Council to retain this data to ensure that each child gets the same opportunities to learn and develop. Thank you.



Penguin Small Group Time: 'Sound Tracks' has been their favorite game so far this half term. They enjoy listening to the different environment sounds on the CD then match it up to the correct picture on their card. Fantastic listening!

Austin & Ava buy an umbrella in the Home Corner Charity Shop, they make a lovely pair..... "singing in the rain, just singing in the rain"



Yoghurts

Most of our children love yoghurts in their lunchboxes. Please make sure that these are in pots and not tubes. We believe that the ones in tubes do not teach children good independent eating habits and nearly always end up on the floor or down their tops! Thank you.

Half Term is 15th to 19th February

Kindest regards

All the team at Westmill Nursery