



Westmill Nursery

Learning through play

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JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to you all and hope that you had a lovely Christmas. Our Christmas celebrations at the end of term were wonderful, it was fantastic to see so many people at our Christmas Concerts at St Mary's Church. The children sang beautifully and those attending were really treated. The Christmas break seems to have flown by but we are all looking forward to an exciting start to 2012.



Our Little Stars of 2011



Oliver, Dempsy & Eva-Maria get stuck in making pastry for their yummy mince pies

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for our Christmas hampers as well as other fantastic prizes, and of course to everyone who brought tickets. We raised £185 which will be spent on creating a storytelling area in the secret garden.

Christmas Wishes

Again we and The Sick Children's Trust were blown away with your generosity. £85 was kindly donated and nursery topped up this and delivered a cheque for £100 to Acorn House, based within Addenbrooke's Hospital grounds. This is one of the houses funded by The Sick Children's Trust. They were very grateful and we have since received a lovely thank you letter from them.

A warm welcome to the following children and their families who are joining us this term Daniel, Gracie, Tegan, Willow, Kai, Cody, Ted & Lucas.

In addition a very warm welcome back to Sarah from her maternity leave. It is lovely to have her back she is enjoying getting to know some of the children she hasn't met before. In Sarah's words on her first day "it's like I've never been away!".

Afternoon Sessions

These have now began and are working well for the children attending. We have a lovely small group who are enjoying all the benefits that a morning session brings. We do have a vacancy for Tuesday afternoon, if you are interested please do contact Lorraine to register your child.

A reminder for collection of children who attend extended sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays... please collect your child from the rear gate. Staff will open the gate at 2pm and let you in through the rear entrance. All of the children's belongings will be gathered ready for you.

Emergency Closure Policy

We have been lucky enough to escape the snow so far this winter, however please find attached to this newsletter a copy of our emergency closure policy for your information. Please refer to this if you are unsure what to do should nursery need to close.

Newspapers

Our stock of newspaper is running very low. Do you have any spare newspapers we could have please? Please bring any in as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Wrap Up Warm!

During the winter months children are still encouraged to extend their play outside. As weather is turning very chilly now please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat and wellingtons in nursery. We cannot stress enough how important it is that everything is CLEARLY NAMED. This minimises the time staff spend trying the match clothing to children. More time can then be spent with the children and planned activity.

Please check that your child has a spare set of clothes in their drawer. If they have been lucky enough not to need their spare set for a while please make sure it is appropriate for the season.

Update on Staff Training

Moderation Training: Claire
SEN Cluster: Mandy

Forthcoming Training

Boys, Boys, Boys: Lorna
Early Support: Sandra
Managing an Early Years Team: Mandy
Level 2 Safeguarding: Mandy & Lorraine
Moving on with ECAT: Sarah

Dates for your Diary

End of first half term	10 th February 2012
Half Term	13 th to 17 th February 2012
Beginning of Spring Term'2	20 th February
End of Spring Term'2	30 th March 2012
INSET Day	16 th April 2012
Summer'1 Term Begins	17 th April 2012
May Bank Holiday	7 th May 2012

All the team at Westmill Nursery

