



Westmill Nursery

Learning through play

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JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It will be a busy few weeks at nursery with lots happening and much to look forward to. Read on to find out our latest news.....

Congratulations!



Sarah's Baby Girl has arrived at last! A beautiful daughter named Freya, born on Friday 20th May, weighing 7lb 9oz. A big well done and Congratulations from us all to Sarah and her family, we look forward to introducing Freya to Westmill Nursery very soon!

Father's Day

'Special Male People', please join us on **Friday 17th June at 9.30am** this year for our Father's Day Celebrations. We will be having fun in the Secret Garden, from making boats and seeing which float the best, to taking part in some races and parachute games. Invitations are being sent home this week.



Parent's Afternoon Tea

We have organised an afternoon tea to give everyone a chance to get together in an informal way. This is led from our parent questionnaire findings and helping the families to be part of the Nursery. On **Friday 24th June at 1.30pm** in the Secret Garden all families are welcome to join in a get together to meet staff and other families, staff will be on hand and Learning Journeys available. Parents will be responsible for their own children, refreshments will be supplied, with cakes made by the children.

Work Experience

We are pleased to be helping Freman College with placements for their students again this year. From 26th June to 1st July we will be welcoming a student, Georgina. We hope that you will make her feel as welcome as us.

Summer Outing

After much deliberation and visits to other attractions we have decided to return to Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne for our summer outing this year. The children had such a lovely time there the last two years, which was made even better by some glorious weather! Again we have booked a 'close encounters' session for the children in the parks Discovery Centre – which is great fun! Our outing will take place on **Wednesday 13th July and Nursery will be closed for the day**. A separate letter is being sent home containing all the details.



Sun Hats

It is essential that your child has a sun hat in nursery. It may be worth investing in a spare one to be left at nursery so you don't have to remember another thing? As always please remember to make sure it is clearly named. Thank you.

Help needed! ...

We are purchasing some patio slabs to be laid in the secret garden to sit our sand pit on, if you know anyone that could help us with laying the slabs then please let us know!

Brambles Childrens Centre - Child Safety in the Home Workshop

Thursday 16th June
1pm - 2.30pm
Bramble Hill Children's Centre,
Mill Close, Buntingford
(next to Seth Ward Community Centre)
For further information or to book a place
please call 01763 273008 or email
bramblehill@ymcacentralherts.org.uk

Training Update

Lots of training has been planned behind the scenes.....

Training attended:

Behaviour Management - Mandy, Sandra & Claire

Forthcoming training:

First Aid full 12 hour course - Mandy, Louise, Sandra and Claire
Food Hygiene - All Staff
Safeguarding Children - Sandra and Claire
Early Years Network - Mandy



Graduation Day

To congratulate all the children, who will be leaving us, of their achievements, we will be holding a Graduation Picnic at the Secret Garden on Thursday 21st July. If your child is leaving and doesn't normally attend on a Thursday, please do come along if you can at 12.20pm. Thank you. Separate letters are being sent out.

Update on Transition

Leavers:

Mandy has been very busy arranging appointments to visit all the new schools that the children will be moving onto. These are due to take place over the next few weeks. We have made transition books of each school containing photos of key features, which will be used in small group time. New teachers have also been visiting our nursery to meet their new child's keyworker and to get to know children in an environment in which they are comfortable.

Keyworkers will use the remaining summer term to update Learning Journeys and to carry out informal assessments to aid writing leaver's reports. Please do contact Mandy if you have any comments or questions.

WANTED Home corner clothes

Do you have any school uniform we could borrow to support our leavers transition, i.e Roger de Clare, Jenyns, Millfield, Furneaux Pelham etc, we will be changing our Home Corner into 'big school'.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 17 th June	Father's Day Celebration
Fri 24 th June	Afternoon tea
Wed 13 th July	Summer Outing to Paradise Park – NURSERY CLOSED
Mon 18 th July	New Parents Evening 7pm
Thurs 21 st July	Graduation Day
Fri 22 nd July	End of Summer Term
Tues 6 th Sept	Beginning of Autumn Term

Kindest regards
All the team at Westmill Nursery