



Westmill Nursery

Learning through play

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MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

New group starting for Dads, Granddads, Uncles and all male carers

Come and enjoy a cuppa and a bacon sandwich and join in some activities with your children. £1 per child, no booking necessary. Buntings Nursery, Station Road, Buntingford 10am - 11.30am 3rd Saturday in each Month Starting 19th March 2011. **No Mums allowed!!!**

For further details please call
Bramble Hill Children's Centre 01763 273008 or email
bramblehill@ymcacentralherts.org.uk
www.bramblehillchildrenscentre.org.uk

Parenting Workshops

Please see below a couple of workshops are being run by Bramble Hill Children's Centre that may be of interest to you.

DEALING WITH TANTRUMS

- _ What are they?
- _ Why do they have them?
- _ What is it like to be two or three?

Thursday 17th March 2011
1pm - 3pm
Seth Ward Community Centre,
Buntingford

NEW PARENT – NEW BABY

- _ Big changes ahead
- _ New responsibilities
- _ Sharing on how it feels to be a new parent
- _ Changes in the Family home/life
- _ Sibling rivalry

Thursday 5th May 2011
1pm - 3pm
Seth Ward Community Centre,
Buntingford

Booking is essential as places are limited. For more details or to book call
01763 273008 or email bramblehill@ymcacentralherts.org.uk

Farewell to Penny

Sadly Penny will be leaving us at the end of term. We would like to wish her all the very best and thank her for the valuable contributions she has made to Nursery, as well as her entertaining personality. We know that she will be missed by children, parents and staff.

Best of Luck to Sarah

As most of you are aware Sarah's bump is expanding rapidly at the moment (apparently there is only 1 in there!) and she will be taking her maternity leave from 25th March. Sarah continues to work tirelessly hard and will be missed by everyone. We do hope that Sarah will return to nursery once she has enjoyed her maternity leave. Best of luck Sarah!

We will be sending Sarah off with some goodies for her new baby if you would like to make a monetary contribution towards a gift please pop this into an envelope marked 'baby gift' by 11th March and hand it to Louise. Thank you.

On a personal note.....

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for the good wishes you have passed on to me and my family during my youngest son's illness. He is recovering well at home following very long and complicated surgery to remove his brain tumour. Even though the surgery went well and good majority of it was removed he will need further treatment to destroy the remaining cells. He is in the process of being referred for proton therapy (an intensive and accurate form of radiotherapy) which will be carried out in America for 8 weeks, around May time. Therefore I hope that you understand it is necessary for me to fully give him the attention he deserves.

Towards the end of term a lovely lady called Kim Semple will be taking over the business and admin side of the nursery temporarily. You will be able to contact her via our usual email address and nursery telephone number. Kim has previously led a pre-school and more recently been a Development Officer in North Herts for the Pre-School Learning Alliance. I shall be working with Kim over the next few weeks to ensure there is a smooth transition.

I am so grateful for all the staff that have supported and covered my sessions at nursery over the last couple of months, they have truly been amazing. However it is impossible for them to continue this into the new term, therefore we are looking to recruit an additional member of staff. Please see details of our vacancies below.

Thank you again for your kind words and wishes and I do hope to see you around very soon.

Lorraine

There will ultimately be a few changes of staff in nursery, however please be rest assured that nursery will continue to run in its normal organised and fun way. Some children will be having new keyworkers and we will of course keep you informed once these are confirmed.

Current Vacancies

Part time PLAY ASSISTANT

We are looking for an enthusiastic and fun Play Assistant to join our team to cover maternity leave from 26th April 2011, with the possibility of the role becoming permanent. 4 days a week, term time only to fit in with school hours.

Applicants should have a minimum and relevant level 3 qualification in childcare, sound knowledge of the EYFS and previous experience of working with children under 5.

For further details or to request a full job description please contact Lorraine on 07791 170416, email: westmillnursery@tiscali.co.uk or log onto:
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/caresupport/childfam/csupportservices/recruitment/>

Part time PLAY ASSISTANT

We are looking for an enthusiastic and fun Play Assistant to join our team. 2 days a week, 9.00am to 2.00pm Wednesday & Friday, term time only to start 27th April 2011.

Ideally applicants should have a relevant level 2 qualification in childcare, however consideration will be given to those willing to train.

For further details or to request a full job description please contact Lorraine on 07791 170416, email: westmillnursery@tiscali.co.uk or log onto:
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Thursday 5th May

Advance notice that Nursery will be CLOSED on Thursday 5th May as the hall is required for Polling. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Yummy Mummy Day – Monday 28th March

Yummy Mummy Day is a fundraising event from CLIC Sargent – a children’s cancer charity. It’s about having a brilliant time and raising money to help families where a child has cancer. We would like to support this charity that is particularly close to Lorraine’s heart at the moment.



All you need to do is dress your child in their pyjamas for the day and donate a £1 for the privilege. Staff have also promised to join in so it should be entertaining! Please complete your details on the Gift Aid form which will be available on the day because every pound we raise could be worth an extra 28p. Thank you for your support.

Reminders...

We hope that you have all received a copy of our new Home/Nursery agreement and Nursery application form if relevant. Please ensure that these are signed and returned to Nursery **by Friday 4th March**. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7 th April	End of Term (Fri 8 th INSET Day)
Tuesday 26 th April	Beginning of Summer Term
Friday 29 th April	Public Holiday
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	Nursery CLOSED for polling
Monday 30 th May to Fri 3 rd June	Half Term

Kindest regards

All the team at Westmill Nursery