



Westmill Nursery

Learning through play

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MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and Bank holiday and welcome everybody back to nursery.

On Friday 6th May we had our Outstanding Ofsted Celebration party, the weather decided to shine for us and we had the party we all deserved in the sunshine! It was lovely to see so many of you. Thank you once again for sharing it with us. A special thank you to Seth's Mum, Kirsten for the 'Outstanding' cake.



Another big thank you to all the parents that braved the windy weather and came along to our Royal Wedding Celebration picnic in the garden on Thursday 28th April it was lovely to have our very own Prince and Princesses dressed especially for the day. It has certainly been a busy couple of weeks!

The children have also had a lovely time making use of our Secret Garden and helping to prepare it for the summer, planting seeds and flowers, which are beginning to grow. We have been very lucky to be able to use the garden so much in the welcomed sunshine.

Update from Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete our parent questionnaires during January, we are very proud of the responses from so many of you agreeing and strongly agreeing with many of the statements. To help address the few questions that may need more information we have developed the following points within the nursery and hope this is beneficial to you all. The responses also help towards our Development Plan for 2011.

- Parent's 'Afternoon Tea' to be introduced for families to meet each other and to get to know the staff and Nursery, held on a Friday each term, further details to follow. We hope this will make you feel an important part of the Nursery as well as building relationships with the other families and discussing ideas.
- Feedback is continually welcome, please use our suggestion box or speak to a team member at the end of the session. This will help us understand any of your concerns in an informal and regular manner.
- Each child's Learning Journey is available to take home at the end of every half term for you to look through and add any special achievements, please just ask a team member or your keyworker. This will help show you what your child has achieved and how they are progressing through the Early Years Foundation Stage. (Please make sure these are returned for the keyworkers to keep updated when we return to Nursery).
- Parent's contributions are welcome towards the next terms plans please put forward ideas or suggestions you feel your child would benefit from and we will try to include these. We would like you to feel part of your child's education, if you are able to give any time to take part in a session you would be most welcome, please see our Parent's Rota on the noticeboard.
- During the Settling in Sessions we will highlight further the ways in which we keep your child safe so you are aware of how and why we do certain things. Please ask if there is anything you would like more information on.

Achievement books

Just a reminder that we have red Achievement books to share between nursery and home. Please add to your child's book and your keyworker will make comments also, these are shared and celebrated together and a highlight of the day. Please ask if you would like to know more.

Sun Protection Policy

To ensure the children enjoy and remain safe in the sun we have sent out our 'Sun Protection' policy. Please complete the permission slip at the bottom of the policy and return to us, if you have not already done so, with a NAMED bottle of sun lotion. Without permission, unfortunately, we will not be able to help your child apply their lotion. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance in September 2011

The On-line Nursery Place Admissions is now open for offers to be seen for Nursery age children. We are planning our next term's intake now and need any leaver's confirmations, in writing, by 13th May, to allow for a terms notice in accordance to our fee policy. Also if any children would like to attend additional or extended sessions when they are entitled to nursery funding, please advise us in writing. It is a good idea to get their name on the waiting list as soon as possible. We will be able to offer places/hours with you after 13th May for any changes from September 2011.

Sainsbury & Tesco Vouchers

We are collecting both Sainsbury & Tesco vouchers. The Tesco vouchers have finished as of 8th May and we will need to post them off by the end of May to ensure we can claim our choice of resources. 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. Any parent helpers willing to count the vouchers are more than welcome, please see us.

Book People

Thank you to those parents who have ordered books through the 'Book People'. For every 10 books that are ordered the nursery receives a free book. Please make sure your money is in the envelope by the collection date otherwise they will not leave your books. This is usually every other Wednesday. Thank you.

Lorraine and Family

Just to let you all know that Lorraine and Jake are doing well in America and treatment is underway, I know you join us in wishing them all the best and she is grateful for all your well wishes.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2011/12 have been set and emailed out please let us know if you need a further copy.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27 th May	End of Term
Monday 30 th May to Fri 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	Return to Nursery
Thursday 21 st July at 12.30	Graduation Day for our Leavers
Friday 22 nd July	End of term

Kindest regards

All the team at Westmill Nursery