



RATHLEE NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Summer is on the way!!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter Competition...the two lucky winners were Larissa & Ben—congratulations to you both!



Reminder!

Could parents please ensure that you send a bottle of sun cream and sun hat to nursery!! Unfortunately, we cannot accept the bottles that they had last year as they only have a 12 month life span and therefore are not as effective and won't provide the high cover that they require.

Calling all Dads!!

We will shortly be in the process of creating a new garden area at the rear of nursery where the children can continue to cultivate their gardening skills—a new vegetable patch is on the agenda so if any dads are willing to lend a hand just let us know! We have also received the seeds from the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' Vouchers - thank you to everyone who helped us to collect them!

As part of the daily routine at nursery, the children brush their teeth after lunch.

Some of the toothbrushes now need replacing, your child's keyworker will let you know and if so please could you send a small toothbrush and a small tube of toothpaste, clearly marked with your child's name. Many thanks.

We are also working with the local dental health team who will be visiting nursery soon to talk to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth and how to brush correctly etc.

Date to follow in next few weeks—parents will be wel-

Thank You!

I am sure by now you have all seen our new flat screen television in the entrance hall - we purchased this for nursery from the commission that we received from the photographs at Christmas so that we can keep you in touch with everything that we do at nursery on a daily basis.

Questionnaire..... attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill it in so that we can use it to evaluate the service that we provide.

All completed questionnaires will be entered into a draw and parents & child will both get prizes!! You can remain anonymous if you wish. Please return them by 7th May 2009.



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Waiting List.....

Our waiting list is currently growing rapidly!

If you require a place within the next 12 months or you wish to increase the sessions that your child currently attends, can you please ensure that you complete a registration form as soon as possible so as not to miss out!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Just to let you know that Kerry Marsh gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Leighton, on 9th April weighing 7lb 9oz.

Can we put in a plea for any old scarves, corks, pots, pans, whisks etc for our heuristic basket. These are a great way for our children to explore and investigate and to develop their language and sensory skills.

Dancing Lessons!

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Sarah is providing dance lessons currently to our Pre School group on a Friday....can you please ensure that if your child joins in that you pay £1.50 please!!

Language Lessons!

We are also going to be introducing foreign language lessons in Spanish & French, to the preschool, this in addition to the basics that they already do. The lessons will be given by a qualified teacher and there will be no extra cost for this. We'll let you know as soon as we know the date they will start.



RECYCLING!!

The PreSchool group are currently working on a new recycling project for the outdoor area which involves collecting hundreds of empty plastic milk cartons.....if you use these at home, please could you send them into nursery where they will be put to excellent use!!

We would also welcome any empty milk crates, old wheels to use in the outdoor area.

Finally, if you are sorting out any old clothes or toys that are no longer wanted, we would be grateful of them! We can arrange collection!!

GRADUATES!

We have been linking with local primary schools over the last few weeks to ensure that your child's transition to primary school is as smooth as it possibly can be. Could you please ensure that Sue knows which primary school your child is going to so that we can check no one is missed...particularly if it is outside of St.Helens.

In July we will be holding a little party for them to celebrate their years here at Rathlee and a little momento for them to keep.....more information in the next newsletter!

Coats, hats, jackets, shoes.....we have an ever growing box of these that are not collected for weeks! If you are missing anything please ask and we will look through it for you.

Please remember to mark your child's clothes with names or initials so that they don't get mixed up and go home with other children with the same item!

**** STAR OF THE WEEK ****

Over the last few months Star of the week as proved very popular with the children in pre-school. Children receive the bear for a range of good behaviour in nursery and is a way of continuing this at home. If you are yet to receive Star of the week then all you need to do is take him home and if possible fill in the book that accompanies him and if you wish, stick a photograph in the book and write a short sentence about what your child and Star bear have been up too.

This as now happening in both 2-3,s and baby room. 2-3's are now sending Lizzie home with children that have worked and behaved well and baby room will be sending Iggle Piggle home. Do not feel obliged to fill in the books or stick in a picture this is just a way to extend their nursery experiences and reward good behaviour.
