



# Gildersome Newsletter

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## What we are doing this month:

**Pink Room:** Will be celebrating Valentines' day by making cards and gifts for those special people in our lives. We will also be joining in lots of fun and games at our red charity day.

**Red Room:** Are planning a trip to tropical world. We are very excited about seeing all the new and exotic animals. If you have any suggestions on trips we could make please see Caroline or Cheryl.

**Yellow Room:** Will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday, by taking part in lots of pancake style activities. We will be making our very own fruit filled pancakes and trying lots of new fruits.

## Charity

We are once again looking for a local children's charity to raise money for in 2012. If you have any suggestions please let Helen or your room supervisors know. We will discuss the choices during our staff meeting and let you know which one we have chosen.

## Dates for your diary 2012

7<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
6<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday (Closed)  
9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday (Closed)  
7<sup>th</sup> May – Spring bank Holiday (closed)  
4<sup>th</sup> June – May Day (closed)  
5<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's jubilee (closed)  
9<sup>th</sup> June – Fun Day  
27<sup>th</sup> August – August bank Holiday (closed)  
13<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Evening

## Cook's Corner

### Perfect Pancakes – serves 8

#### Ingredients

100g Plain flour  
1 egg  
Oil  
300ml Milk and water

#### Method

1. Mix flour, egg and milk in a bowl using a whisk, until you have a lump free batter.
2. Place some of the oil into a frying pan
3. Pour in 3 tablespoons of batter mixture.
4. Cook on both sides until golden brown.
5. Serve on a warm plate with the topping of your choice.

Here are some of the children's favourite toppings:

Chocolate sauce  
Honey  
Banana  
Grapes  
Ice cream  
Sugar  
Lemon juice  
Strawberries and Cream  
Pineapple

## Staffing news

We would like to inform you of a few small changes to our staffing and would like to welcome Karen Watson to the Pink Room team. Karen is a Level 3 childcare practitioner who has worked within the company for 3 years at both our Morley nursery and our KOOSH sites.

Tracy Clegg will be staying at our Morley site for the present as Nursery Manager and Helen Rothery will be continuing as Nursery Manager here.

## Charity Day

**We will be having a Red Charity Day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Please support our chosen cause by sending your child to nursery with a £1 donation for wearing something red. There will be lots of activities, fun and games throughout the day.**

## Birthdays

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Oscar, Zak, Natasha, Abigail, Molly, Erin and Joseph who are all celebrating their birthdays in February. HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Directors' Corner

Our training day in January was excellent with 3 members of the Leeds Early Years team delivering training on Risk Assessments and the proposed changes to the EYFS. I delivered the same training to our York staff and all felt it was really informative and a good chance to network with staff from other sites. After discussions with staff and feedback from parents we have decided to hold our 2013 training on the last nursery day of 2012 – Christmas Eve, as it falls on a Monday this year. This will mean that Kaleidoscope will close for the Christmas break for children on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>. On a different note, Steve and I are proud to announce that plans for our new nursery and training centre in Drighlington, Leeds are well underway. We are in the process of applying to become a Cache registered centre so we can offer level 2 and 3 qualifications and apprenticeships in house. Very exciting times and we will keep you informed of our progress – Jane.