



# KOOSH Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

I would like to say a big welcome back to all our KOOSH children. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holidays. I know we did in the holiday clubs.

For those of you who have joined us this year I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to KOOSH and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

## Summer Holidays

Our Gildersome site joined us at Hill Top and it worked really well. This will be a regular occurrence in the future.

Week 1-Animals

We had trips to Big Sheep, Little Cow and Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster. These were really good and I would definitely recommend them.

Week 2-Toys

We had a trip to Crows Nest Park in Dewsbury, Toy Museum in Ilkley, plus a walk along the river and Creepy Crawlies in York. This had a big indoor and outdoor play area which staff and children really enjoyed.

Week 3-Wild Wild West

We had trips to Lister Park in Bradford and Pony riding at Tong. The children really enjoyed it and for some children it was their first experience of pony riding.

Week 4-Hawaiian

We had trips to Hemsworth Water Park where children had lots of fun playing in the Playworld especially the big tube slide. We went to Bridlington where we had fish and chips, played on the beach and paddled in the sea but oh my, it was cold.

Week 5-Circus

Mr Bubbles came to visit us at our Burley site where we went for the day. He played lots of games and some of us won some prizes. We went to Oakwell Hall where we went for a walk, played in the park. We then went to Goodalls Ice Cream parlour for an ice cream.

Week 6

We went bowling at Hollywood Bowl where it was lots of fun. We also had a big party at our Burley site on the Wednesday.

## Future Planning

If anyone would like any information about any trips we have been on please don't hesitate to ask me. We will be doing our October holiday planning in the next few weeks so if anyone has any ideas on trips or activities please feel free to come and tell me.

I have created a book about the KOOSH holidays which has photos of children taking part in various activities we provided. Please feel free to have a look at this which will be kept on the table in the doorway.

## Childcare Agreements

If you have not yet returned these signed please do so ASAP. I do have copies on site if you have lost yours. I will be chasing these up in the next week.

## Swap Sessions

Please be aware that starting a new term we **WILL NOT** be able to allow anyone to swap sessions as it is causing a lot of confusion at head office when trying to sort invoices.

However if you require an extra session this may be booked through head office or myself but needs to be paid for in advance of the session.

As you can appreciate, head office look after a lot of nurseries and KOOSH sites so trying to figure out who has swapped sessions and what is owed can be a very time consuming task for our Head Office.

## Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Alison our senior manager of Leeds who got married during the Bank holiday. All the best for the future.

## Signing Children in and Out

In the interests of health and safety and in line with OFSTED regulations, please ensure you sign your children in and out when entering or leaving KOOSH with arrival/departure time. Thank you

## Training Days

I will put a note up on the Parents Board when training days are.

Please note that we do offer training day care at a price of £24.00 per day.

Annual Kaleidoscope Training Day (For Staff)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011

## Directors Corner – September

I know I say this every year but where has the summer gone? KOOSH clubs at all sites have been extremely successful this year with lots of repeat customers who couldn't get enough of our activities and trips. Please book early for October half term to guarantee your child's place. The outside area at our Gildersome nursery is just about complete with a fun day planned at the end of the month to launch it. Gildersome has also had a new smartboard installed which the children love to use. We have similar items on order for our Morley and Acorn nurseries so pre-school children at all our sites will have access to this fantastic piece of IT equipment. Finally, Steve and I would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Ali, Senior Manager for Leeds who celebrated their wedding in style last week and are now enjoying their honeymoon in Aruba – Jane