



Acorn Newsletter

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Staffing

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have received from all the families and children during my first month. The time has flown by and I have enjoyed getting to know you all. Please feel free to come and say hello if I have not yet had the chance to meet you. Lisa – Manager

Congratulations to Beccs; Beccs left us at Christmas to go on maternity leave. Beccs gave birth to a baby girl, Maddison Simone, on 27th January 2012, weighing 8lb 5oz. Both Beccs and her daughter are healthy and doing well.



I would also like to inform you that Emma Dearlove will sadly be leaving us on the 22nd February 2012 as she has gained a promotion within the company. Emma is going to work at the Acomb Nursery as the Assistant Manager. We wish Emma well in her new role and please see the attached letter for more details.

Toys from Home

Although we encourage children to share and talk about favourite toys/belongings, it can be upsetting for children if they get lost or broken. We therefore ask that children's toys are left at home wherever possible.

Quote of the month

On being collected from his school classroom; Danny gave a big, deep breath once he was outside and said, 'I can smell the lovely fresh air'

Danny aged 3

January Celebrations

We had a very busy month in January. The children celebrated lots of different festivals; they used chopsticks to eat Chinese stir fry for Chinese New Year. The pre-school children had fun making puppets wearing kilts for Burn's night and we had lots of fun on Australia day learning about the country and the animals that we find there. Rachael Fletcher bought her tarantula 'Pepper' in to say hello too.



February is National Heart Month so we will be focusing on how to look after our hearts and we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. We will be celebrating lots more festivals throughout the year so if you have anything you would like us to celebrate in the nursery, please speak to your child's key person



Clothing

Please can we ask that parents bring in a spare change of clothes for their child and a pair of slippers or indoor shoes.

The children have been enjoying lots of messy play this month; we do our best to keep children clean so please could you provide some old clothes or a vest for your child to enjoy these activities in. Thank you

Nursery Charity

This year we will be fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital which is one of the world's leading children's hospitals.

We hope to raise lots of money for them by the end of the year. Please look out for fundraising events that will be displayed in the nursery. If you have any fundraising ideas please speak to a member of staff.

February half term

The school holidays are approaching fast. There are lots of activities on offer at our Acomb and City KOOSH clubs, as well as here at Acorn. If you require holiday care for your child, please speak to Lisa. Thank you.

Directors' Corner February 12

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 21st. 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.