



## Nursery Update July 2015

A really big thank you to all of you who have returned our parents evening feedback and our general questionnaires. The response was fantastic and although it has been lovely to receive some wonderful comments, it's been great to hear some of your suggestions also.

We have implemented or are working on several suggestions that have been made and we have popped just a few below:

- We have reviewed our Menus and have ensured we add further healthy goodness to some of our meals. We will continue to review this and make adaptations as necessary.
- We are making an effort to ensure parents/carers and staff ensure the lower stair gates are closed to ensure safety on the stairs.
- We have implemented a key buddy system within our toddler room to ensure if a key person is absent another member of staff can take over her responsibilities.
- Within pre-school we have implemented a white board in their hallway to tell you about what the children have been doing today as well as your handover. We hope this will give you an opportunity to recap your hand over and take your time to review the board each day.
- Next parents evening we will be sending learning journals home before your evening so you have a chance to have a more detailed look!
- And finally just to remind you, we do have a learning journal policy and you can discuss with your child's key person taking this home at any time. All we ask is for a little notice so we can try and ensure any current observations are stuck in and of course we ask for it to be returned promptly to ensure we do not have the journal out of the setting for too long.

Of course there are other ideas that we have added to our action plan, but we really wanted to thank you for aiding us to continually improve our service.

### **Our 1st Birthday**

Tuesday 14th July - is The Gingerbread House 1st Birthday. For all the children who attend on this day we will be having a small 1st birthday party tea and some fun games.

### **Police Visit**

We will be having a visit from the local Police on Tuesday 7th July 2015 - this planned visit will be for those who attend on the 7th July and will be for our pre-schoolers and our older Toddlers. The visit will include the police coming into speak to the children about various

subjects, including their job, stranger danger and road safety as well as us taking small groups out to see the police car/ van which will be situated in Penwortham Avenue.

### **Reminders**

Can we please remind you to ensure stair gates are closed at all times, if you have any difficulty with this - please let a staff member know who will be happy to assist you!

Sun hats & cream - Please ensure that your child has a named sun hat and cream in the nursery during these summer months - even if the day starts of gloomy please ensure we have the appropriate items to keep your children safe in the some time's unpredictable weather:

**Next planned inset day 2015 - 24th December 2015 - Nursery will be closed to children.**

**Last day of term: Wednesday 22nd July 2015**

### **30th June - 2nd July Weather Warning**

A heat wave is predicated during these dates - we will obviously doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the children whilst in our care, please can you ensure they all have sun hats, high factor cream. We will of course be limiting garden play if temperatures are too high for the children's own safety.

Note: We will be re-booking a Nursery Photographer over coming weeks and will of course let you know the details. We are sorry for any inconvenienced caused by the cancelled visit on 25th June 15.

Many Thanks,

Natalie, Megan & The Gingerbread Team