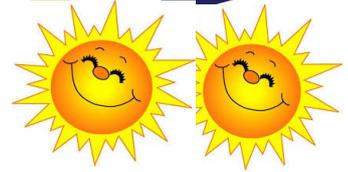


SUMMER TERM 2015 MERRYVALE NURSERY



I don't want to speak too soon but hopefully (fingers crossed) the sun is finally here to stay for a bit. The children love spending time in the garden, which provides them with a variety of wonderful learning experiences.

All staff plan around the children's individual needs and interests both indoor and outdoors. We do like to let the children play outdoors as much as possible but in the hot weather we do monitor how long they are out for and we do try and avoid the hottest time of the day. It is really important that you provide your child with a sun hat and sun cream so that they are protected from the sun. Please can you make sure that you cream your child before coming into nursery and that their cream is in nursery so we can re apply when needed. In the very hot weather if your child does not have a sun hat or cream this can restrict them for playing outside.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Stick Insects

Following on from our fantastic topic of growing and watching our Caterpillars turn into Butterflies we now have Stick Insects growing. They can be found in the 3-5 room. They are only eggs at the moment, but hopefully the children will witness them changing. We will keep you posted on their progress.

2-3 Children

Due to the lack of space could I please ask that you put your child's nappies and wipes in their bags. We are finding it really difficult to store bulk packs of nappies etc. Thank you.

Tea time

Please could I ask parents to avoid collecting their children at tea time. We like meals times to be a calm and sociable time with little distractions. If you could either wait in the porch or in your car then that would be very helpful. Tea starts at 4.00 and we tend to finish by 4.25. Thank you for your co-operation.

School leavers

It's that time of year again when we very soon start saying goodbye to our school leavers. I know that there is still several weeks left till the end of term, and some of you won't be leaving us till the end of August but I just wanted to say from myself and all the staff it has been an absolute pleasure watching your children grow into confident and enthusiastic individuals. You should be so proud of them. As part of our topic on starting school we like to display pictures of the children in their new uniform, so as soon as they have got it, could we have a picture please.

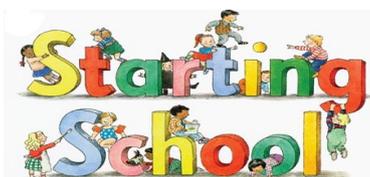
LEAVERS PARTY (3-5)

WE WILL BE HOLDING A LEAVERS PARTY ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2015 FOR ALL THE CHILDREN WHO ARE LEAVING US TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. IF YOUR CHILD IS STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AND DOES NOT ATTEND NURSERY ON A FRIDAY YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF AT 2.00 AND COLLECT THEM AT 4.00.



GRANT CHILDREN ONLY

PLEASE NOTE TERM ENDS FRIDAY 17TH JULY



STAFFING

Over the past few months we have had several new faces join the Merryvale team, so I thought I would just update you on our qualifications and experience and where we are situated in the nursery.

Name	Title	Qualification	Years experience	
Gayle Perry/Ken Perry	Directors	NNEB	40+	
Victoria Lambert	Manager	BTEC National Diploma Childhood Studies Foundation Degree in Early Years	17	0-5 yrs!
Michelle Colwell	Deputy Manager, CSO	NNEB	15	3-5 yrs
Shelley Clewes	Supervisor 0-2 unit, SENCO	NNEB	8	0-2 yrs
Amy Parker	Student Supervisor	NNEB	13	2-3 yrs
Victoria Flood	Room Leader Named First Aider	NVQ 3	9	0-2 yrs
Victoria Rubery	Room Leader	CACHE level 3	6	3-5 yrs
Sheree Nettleford	Nursery Practitioner	NVQ 3	5	3-5 yrs
Emma Price	Nursery Practitioner	NVQ 3	3	0-2 yrs
Laura Ellis	Nursery Practitioner	NVQ 3	3	2-3 yrs
Fauve Thomkinson	Nursery Practitioner	NVQ 3	2	3-5 yrs
Melissa Withers	Nursery Assistant	Working towards NVQ 3	2	0-2 yrs
Amy Richards	Nursery Assistant	Working towards level 2	Started February 2015	2-3 yrs
Leah Guise	Nursery Assistant	Working towards level 2	Started February 2015	0-2 yrs

From time to time staff move through the nursery to gain experience with different age groups. When this does happen we tend to move them with a group of children so that the children have a familiar face in their new room. This is not always the case but we do our best to cause as little disruption as possible.

TRIPS

In the past we have always tried to organise a big trip for the children to go on but with the constant increase in prices, and some children do miss out if they are not in nursery on the day of the trip. So this year we are going to do something different.....

We are going to be arranging outings for the children across the nursery in smaller groups and on different days so that (hopefully) all the children will get the chance to participate in some sort of trip. This will run all the way through the Summer so please look out for more details. There may be a cost depending on where your child will be going but we will try and keep it as minimal as possible. Letters will be sent out in advance.

PARKING

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for making the effort to park correctly. There are still a few parents who occasionally park incorrectly but overall there has been a vast improvement. I know how frustrating it can be when there is nowhere to park, especially at the end of the morning session, but I really appreciate your co-operation.

Can you make sure that visitors who are dropping off or collecting your child are aware of the terms and conditions of parking.

Time keeping

It is really important that you stick to the times of your child's session, especially the children who do afternoon sessions. We have to make sure that we do not go over our numbers at the cross over point of the two sessions. Thank you

Have you got.....

- ◆ A travel cot that you no longer want
- ◆ Old pots and pans that we can put in the mud garden
- ◆ Pants, trousers, socks etc. as we are running very low on spare clothes
- ◆ Do you work in a office? We are always in need of scrap paper for our writing corner.

Many thanks.

