

Nursery Newsletter

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Centre Manager Update

Dear Parents

We are coming to the end of our Summer Term which seems to have passed very quickly and will soon be saying goodbye to many of our older children. During the last couple of weeks many of the children who are leaving have been visited by their new teachers, who have had the opportunity to see the children interacting with others in a familiar environment and getting to know their new pupils.

Wednesday 6th July was our Parents' Evening and we were delighted to see so many parents and friends visit the nursery to chat to their children's Key Workers and look at their learning journeys. We had some excellent feedback from you and many of you told us how pleased you were with the recent successful Ofsted inspection and how much your children enjoy being at Jubilee and love the staff who care for them.

We are pleased to announce that we have recently recruited and successfully appointed a new Deputy Manager for Jubilee Children's Centre. Rachael Atkinson [pictured below] is from Bradford and started her new post on the 4th July 2011. Rachael who has over 20 years experience in childcare will take over the operational management of the nursery within a month and I hope you will soon get used to chatting to her if you have any concerns or queries about the nursery or the Centre. Rachael and I will be sharing an office and will work closely together to ensure that the Centre continues to develop and improve.



Gaye Colleran
Children's Centre Manager



Sun Cream

Following the recent hot weather we have had some discussions about the provision of sun cream. After consulting other day care providers we have decided to continue our policy of providing sun cream and will apply our sun cream to all children, unless specific arrangements have been agreed with the parent to provide and apply their own. Please will any parent who wishes to provide their own cream inform their child's key worker and ensure that they keep the nursery supplied with the relevant cream? Thank you.



Footwear

We have had some children attending nursery in sandals with open toes and without backs on them. Although we make every effort to ensure the safety of the children, it is not possible to prevent all accidents and we are concerned that this type of footwear is not suitable for children who run around and may stumble and trip over in their excitement. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child has full sandals on or a spare pair of pumps or trainers to play out in.



Health and Safety

Please will all parents ensure that they don't leave plastic bags on children's hooks or in the nursery, as they are a health and safety hazard? We have some cloth bags that are suitable for spare clothes and shoes that can be purchased from the office for 50 pence.

Nursery Security

Would all parents please ensure that on entry to the Nursery that a member of staff in the Nursery Office allows you access into the Nursery. Where possible please do not hold the door open for other parents to enter the Nursery. If there are no staff in the Nursery Office, which is usually at the beginning or end of the day, then can you please press the relevant button? A member of staff from the Nursery should then come up to greet you and let you in.

End of Term Party

To mark the end of term and the children who are leaving us, we are having a 'Beach Party' on Tuesday, 26th July. Further details will be sent out at the end of this week, but please remember to dress your child in play clothes and beach wear for that day.

Outback

The land at the back of the Children's Centre is now yielding its harvest and the children have recently picked strawberries and various other herbs and vegetables, which are being used in the kitchen or left in a basket on reception for families to take home and use. We are currently taking the children in to the Outback space in small groups and would be happy to take parents out to have a look at the developments. If you are interested in seeing the progress please contact me to arrange a suitable time for you to visit and learn more about our green space and plans for the future.



Staffing Update

Sobia Mahmood who has been on a temporary contract has now been employed as a full time member of staff in the Nursery. We congratulate Sobia on recently completing her NVQ Level 3 in Childcare.



Sobia Mahmood
and John Lomas
Pictured

John Lomas who started working at Jubilee Children's Centre in November now supports Jane Dutchman in the Nursery Administration Office in the afternoons. John, as well as providing Administration Support, can take payment of invoices from parents.



Creative Partnerships
 During March, April and May Nursery has been running a project with Creative Partnerships. This project has been extremely successful and work from The Nursery has been exhibited at the Piece Hall. Sheila who worked on this project with Nursery staff said that she was really impressed with their enthusiasm and level of support that she received.

Scores on the Doors

Our Nursery again achieved 5 Stars on our Environmental Health Inspection earlier this term. Children's Centre Manager, Gaye Colleran said: "We are delighted. We have an excellent cook, Julie Carney, and Environmental Health said that every star was deserved".

Important Dates and Events

Please see our Parent / Carer Noticeboard outside the office for closure dates and term dates.

Nursery will be closed to all children on the following days:

Monday, 29th August	Summer Bank Holiday
Friday, 7th October	Staff Training Day

Session Times

Can we please remind parents of our session times for 2 , 3 and 4 year old funding?

- 9:00 am – 11:30 am
- 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
- 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
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Please will parents ensure they adhere to these times to ensure that we are able to keep to the legal ratios of staff to children?

Oral Hygiene

We held a Oral Hygiene Event in February. Part of this event was a puppet show which was also attended by parents. We had 10 parents attend this puppet show and they all received a free pack of toothpaste.



Red Nose Day

Staff and children baked cakes and sold them to raise money. In total **£65.90** was raised. We would like to thank all our families for their support.

ECAT Update

We now have two teddy bears in Nursery called Jesper and Joe. We would like parents to take these bears home and take photographs with disposable cameras of any exciting events such as holidays. These photographs are downloaded and create an interactive diary of where our families have taken the teddy bears. Joe has recently come back from an exciting trip to Africa. If you are interested please speak to your Key Worker.

A collage for World Book Day. On the left, a vertical banner reads 'WORLD BOOK DAY' in large, colorful letters, with 'MARCH 3 2011' above it. The main area contains three photos: a girl in a pink dress holding a blue and white striped umbrella, a baby in a pink outfit, and a group of children in various costumes. Below the photos is a caption: 'Children and staff taking part in World Book Day, they dressed up as characters from children's books'. The collage is decorated with various patterned borders.

and finally ...



... Congratulations go to Sara Nawaz who works in the Baby Room. Sara married Mohammed Obaydullah in April. We hope you will join us in wishing both Sara and her new husband Mohammed congratulations and good luck for the future.

Compliments or Complaints

If you are unhappy or dissatisfied with the service that we provide, please contact the following staff:

Day Care

Racheal Atkinson
Deputy Children's Centre Manager
The Nursery
Jubilee Children's Centre
Lightowler Road
Halifax
HX1 5NB

☎ 01422 362120

✉ racheal.atkinson@calderdale.gov.uk

Centre

Gaye Colleran
Children's Centre Manager
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Lightowler Road
Halifax
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☎ 01422 362120

✉ gaye.colleran@calderdale.gov.uk

If you are still unhappy and feel that your complaint has not been resolved, then please contact:

Michelle Attmere
Area Manager [Extended Services]
Jubilee Children's Centre
Lightowler Road
Halifax
HX1 5NB

☎ 01422 342552

If your complaint is still unresolved you can contact:

OFSTED
Royal Exchange Buildings
St Annes Square
Manchester
M2 7LA

☎ 0300 1231231

✉ enquiries@OFSTED.gov.uk

We also welcome positive comments about our service from parents. Our compliments and complaints procedure can be found in the main nursery corridor. All complaints received by us are retained and can be seen on request.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. If you would like anything adding, any ideas or suggestions, please let a member of staff know.

