

# BLUE PLANET

## Montessori Nursery School

## Newsletter

20.3.2012

Dear Parents/ Carers

This newsletter aims to update you on staffing, what's happening at Blue Planet and changes to childcare legislation.

### **Staffing**

The current staff team consists of :

Diane Stocking (Head teacher and Equal Opportunities Co-ordinator) full time.

Marisa Abbew (Deputy head teacher, Special Needs Co-ordinator) full time.

Barbara Gorzynski (Nursery Teacher) Monday to Friday mornings

Eleni Therianou (Nursery Teacher) Monday to Thursday all day

Pwint Yi Nandar (Montessori teacher) Monday to Friday .

### **Students**

During the Summer term we have students on placements and work experience. All students are given clear guidelines on working and an induction before starting their placement. Students are not permitted to take children to the toilet and are never left unsupervised with children. If you would like to see the guidance that students work to, please speak to Diane.

### **Change to School Calendar**

Please note the school concert will now take place on **Tuesday the 17th July 2012**

### **School Photographs**

The School Photographer will be visiting on Thursday the 31st May. All children are welcome to attend the photographic session, so if your child does not attend school on that day, please speak to Diane or Marisa to arrange a convenient time to come in.

### **School Outings**

We have arranged a Summer school trip to Butterfly World near St Albans. The date of the outing will be confirmed shortly and we will notify you by letter with details nearer the time.

### **Early years Government Funding**

The government funding available for the Summer term will be £11.52 per

session. The grant is available for 12 weeks and will fund up to 5 sessions per week. The grant is pro rated depending on the amount of sessions your child attends. The grant is available for all children the term after they have turned 3 years old.

Please note that the current government funding does not meet our running costs and parents are meeting the shortfall as shown on invoices.

If you require any further information please speak to Diane.

### **Security Arrangements**

Please can you ensure you notify one of the teachers who will be collecting your child if it is anyone other than yourself. Please provide a description and a password.

### **Shoes and Slippers For School**

It would be greatly appreciated that when you next purchase shoes or slippers for your child that they have velcro fasteners as teachers can spend a long time doing up laces. Velcro fasteners also enable the child to independently put on their own shoes. Many thanks for your assistance.

Please also ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots and gloves for the garden in the winter.

**Please can you ensure children have a spare set of clothes at the Nursery.**

### **Progress Booklets**

We aim to send Booklets out every three weeks

Please can parents ensure that their child's progress booklet is returned every week in their child's folder. This enables your child's key worker to keep the booklet updated. Thank you.

### **Health and Safety**

Our Food Safety Policy has recently been revised and requests that all food particularly fruit such as grapes etc are cut into small pieces to avoid choking hazards. Nuts are not permitted in lunch boxes.

As part of a Health Authority Directive our Health and Safety Policy states all children must be free of diarrhoea and sickness for 48 hours before returning to school.

As part of our Health and Safety Policy we are not permitted to administer temperature control or pain medication such as paracetamol or ibuprofen. It is important that if your child has a temperature that they remain at home to fully recover and reduce the spread of infection.

Mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. This is an addition to our Safeguarding Children Policy. Thank you for assisting us in these matter.

### **Spring Term**

**Tuesday 17.4.2012 Topic**

