

# School House Private Day Nursery Limited Summer Newsletter



## 2010

### Special Dates

**Leaver's party**  
**30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sports Day**  
**26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Trip day**  
**20<sup>th</sup> August**

**Play Scheme**  
**26<sup>th</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup>  
August**

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## Good bye to our School leavers

This is the time of year we say a sad farewell to our many children starting at School in September. We would like to wish all the children a very happy and successful time in their new settings.

We have a farewell party tea booked for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for our School leavers. If your child does not attend on this day, you may bring them in. Please ask a School Room member of staff for more details.

We say goodbye to:

Isabelle  
Edie  
Jake  
William  
Lotte  
Charlotte  
Josie  
Gracie  
Christopher  
Dylan  
Danielle  
Beau  
Matthew A

Lily

Oliver  
Matthew B  
Niamh  
Jack  
Charlotte H  
Samuel  
Katie  
Kieran  
Angel  
Christian  
Eryn  
William E  
Emily C  
Joshua C

## Aiming high for the Green flag

The Government in England wants every school to be a sustainable school by 2020. The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) launched their Sustainable Schools Framework in 2006 when the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP set out challenging long-term aspirations for schools to mainstream learning about sustainable development issues and sustainable practices into everyday school life.

Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life.

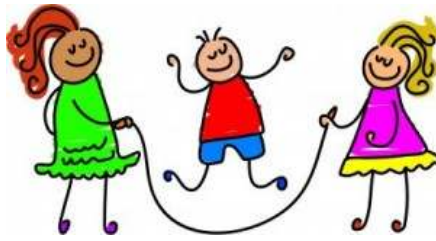
We are in the application process for our green Flag award, having already achieved bronze, silver and gold awards for the work we have done. Debbie has been working hard to instill new and long lasting values within our practice to encourage



and support children's understanding of sustainability, proving us to already be a center of eco-merit. Later in the summer we will be letting you know more about how you can to support us to go for the Green flag.

Watch this space!

## Environmental Rating Scales....



As always we find ourselves on top of current changes and often piloting new initiatives and directives. Throughout the summer the Nursery will be subject to an inspection which will determine our level of care and attention to the quality of our provision to children ages 2 ½ - 5 years. This is a voluntary inspection, which Worcester Early Years are looking to initiate across

the county within the next 2 years.

ECERS, (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale) is a simple yet rigorous self-improvement tool which considers practice areas such as space and furnishings e.g. room layout, accessibility of resources and display. In addition personal care routines, e.g. welfare requirements such as health & safety and provision for sleeping.

Also Language and reasoning, e.g. supporting children's communication, language and literacy development; as well as many others. The use of the environmental rating scale fully supports the EYFS, a framework which we already adhere to. Undertaking this new Scale gives us further opportunity to develop our setting, providing constant evaluation on our service provision.



## Four Seasons Out of School Care

I am delighted to announce the re-launch of the Breakfast and After School Club as the

**'Four Seasons Club - Out of School Care'.**

The Four Seasons Club will not only be providing Ofsted 'outstanding' professional care for School-age children but will now be offering a wide range of 'Special Interest' clubs and activities each term. Keep an eye on our website for more details over the summer.

### The Four Seasons Team

As you will have seen there are some new faces within after school club. Karen will continue to Manage the Club, and Mary has joined us bringing with her much experience and some great new ideas. We continue to have Ashley's support too.

If your child is not already registered with the Four Seasons Club for September and you would like to them to be, please see a Senior member of staff or one of the Four Seasons Team (Karen or Mary) who are available in Dodford School Hall from 3:15pm during term time.

## Cupcakes Catering

The School Food trust 'eat better do better' are on a mission to improve Early Years food provisions. Their studies have shown evidence to suggest that Early Years food provision is too high in fat, sugar and salt and too low in essential nutrients. As you are already aware School House has proudly joined with Cupcakes catering to provide locally sourced home cooked foods for children in our care.

As part of our constant evaluation to enable 'outstanding' service, we are well ahead of time for the launch of the new guidelines set out for Early Years provisions due for review in September 2010. We are continually promoting Health in the Early Years by allowing children to access to a variety of foods and healthy snacks, as well as offering plenty opportunity for physical and outside play. This ensures the vital steps

are being taken towards improving Children's health and tackling health inequalities. We are currently reviewing the summer menus, so please do send in any ideas or suggestions you have.

Further information regarding these new guidelines will be issued later this year.



# Parents Forum

We are pleased to announce a new initiative to improve our links and communication with parents.

Following a suggestion from a parent at Chessgrove Park, we will be holding our first parents forum on September 9<sup>th</sup> later this year at School House Private day Nursery for both Nurseries.

Suggestions for items on the agenda will be sought from yourselves in advance, so please bring forward your suggestions

or any issues you would like discussed.

We will also be having a guest speaker from Worcester Child Care services, to talk about Health In the Early Years, a hot topic for the year.

Refreshments and a chance to mingle with other parents will be scheduled in, as well as a questions and answers session. Questions will need to be submitted prior to the forum. Further details will be available on the Nursery website and emailed to you nearer the time.



Today was good. Today was fun.  
Tomorrow is another one.  
Dr. Seuss

# Nursery News

The Nursery is looking forward to a lovely summer, with plenty of outdoor play to stimulate the body and mind.

As your children begin to transition thorough to their new rooms, we will be on hand to offer support and advise where needed.

Please ask a room member of staff if you have any anxieties or concerns about your child's transition, and let us put your minds at rest.

## Parking

Please can I draw your attention to the neighbors' driveways. It has been brought to our attention that many of our parents and visitors are using their driveways to turn in.

This is causing damage to their property, so please could you turn further along Priory Road in the village hall car park, or up Fockbury road.

Thank you for your

support with this matter. I am sure you will agree that having positive relationships with the local residents provides a further support network for the Nursery, and an integral part of your child's learning about the world around them.

## Collection times

Please can I remind all parents of the day patterns

D1 9.00am - 4.00pm

D2 8.00am - 5.30pm

D3 7.30am - 6.00pm

The Nursery is staffed according to these booking patterns, so it is of paramount importance that your child is dropped off and collected within these times. Please see a member of the staff team if you wish to extend your current day pattern to allow more time.

## Timberhonger

2010 was the 8th year of the Timberhonger 10km run, so called as most of the route is on Timberhonger Lane. It has traditionally been part of Bromsgrove Carnival weekend with all profits donated to 'Help the Heros'. Some of our Nursery children took part, as well as some of our very athletic parents! Well done to Hannah, Finley and Isaac who took part in the children's challenge on Sunday. Congratulations to you all!

You can find more information on how to get involved in next years challenge by visiting:

[www.timberhonger10k.co.uk](http://www.timberhonger10k.co.uk)

## Wedding Bells

We wish Lisa all the best as in a few days she will be taking some time off to get married to her partner Oliver on 31<sup>st</sup> July. We send them our warmest congratulations and wish them much happiness on their special day.



Hannah and Finley after finishing the Timberhonger Children's challenge 2010

Lisa returns to work as Mrs. Reynolds on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, and we look forward to seeing the lovely photos on her return.



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## A Big Birthday

Next year School House will be having a big birthday. We will be celebrating 20 years of caring for and educating children. I'm sure you will agree the Nursery has grown from strength to strength.

We are looking to do some thing special for this celebratory year, as it also co-insides with

Chessgrove Parks 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday! How time does fly!

We would like to hold a large event, hopefully incorporate some fundraising and involve the local press. If you have a charity close to your heart you would like us to consider raising funds, for please do drop me a line, or pop in to

Nursery to chat to me about it.

We are hoping to have a firm date in the next few weeks for the event to take place, to ensure we give you all enough time to clear your diaries!

We would love you all to be there, old and new families, celebrating a wonderful 20 years!

## Dates for the diary

- **26<sup>th</sup> July**, Sports day
- **30<sup>th</sup> July**, School leavers party
- **20<sup>th</sup> August**, Nursery Summer trip
- **9<sup>th</sup> September**, Parents forum evening
- **7<sup>th</sup> October**, Parents evening
- **8<sup>th</sup> November**, Nursery photograph day

## 'Keeping in touch'

As you will be aware we communicate with you in many forms, such as this newsletter, emails, our Nursery web site, as well as telephone calls. To ensure this service can continue to suit your preferred needs please fill out the 'keeping in touch' form attached. This will ensure all our records are up to date and that we are communicating with you in the best way possible. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff regarding events happening in the Nursery or look at our parents notice board - not forgetting we are constantly updating our Nursery website.

### Mobile and work numbers

Keeping up to date with your mobile and work telephone numbers is of paramount importance, in case of your child becoming ill, or in an emergency. So please do take a minute to fill in this section of the form and we will update our records accordingly.

Many Thanks

### **Managers note**

*What a Year we have had, the changes within the Nursery are forming such positive effects on the outcomes for children.*

*I am so proud of the staff team and the hard work and dedication they put in.*

*I am sure you'll agree and will have experienced this on a daily basis, so please do use the comments slips to ensure we can continue our commitment of 'Outstanding practice'*

*Thank You*

*Lisa, Nursery Manager*