



**Oct/Dec 2011**

We hope you all enjoyed half term and that the children who started in September are settled in. We'd like to give a warm welcome to Kelly Gill, our new Manager for the nursery who has recently started with us. I'm sure you'll all make her feel welcome and I'm sure she'll feel part of the team in no time at all.



**Topic for this term**

The topic for this term is Autumn and what happens during this season. Please discuss this with your child at home, as this really does help with their learning.

Kelly and the team will be taking the children for a walk to the park in Rowtown, the week we are back to nursery, to look at the effects of Autumn. Please look at the noticeboard for dates. We have had great support from parents offering their assistance so the adult/child ratio is met, so a big thank you. Please provide coats and boots for the walk, especially if it's raining.

**Training**

Just to let you know that each year the teachers go on training courses to keep them up-to date with the latest teaching methods and ensure that our children are being given the learning skills they need to develop.

**Punctuality**

Please ensure that you drop off and collect your child at the appropriate time to

ensure the class can start and end on time. Don't let others suffer because of your time keeping.

**Absences**

The Nursery Education Grant requirements mean that we have to account for any child absent from Nursery whilst the Government is paying for their place at Nursery. In order to satisfy any possible audits, we are asking parents to provide a note to the staff to explain any absences, i.e. sickness, holidays, etc. This only applies to funded children, but would be good practice for all children attending Nursery. Just a brief note to say why your child didn't attend their session.

**AGM**

Thank you to the parents who came to the AGM. We had a great turn out and hope you found it informative and now know a little more about how the nursery is run and how much work goes into running the nursery by the parents and staff.

**Fruit**

Please can everyone remember to bring one piece of fruit in for every day that your child attends nursery and place it in the fruit basket. Favourites are apples, bananas, raisins and grapes. However, oranges and satsumas are not so popular - thank you.



**Indoor Shoes**

Please can you ensure that your child has a spare pair of shoes, slippers, or plimsolls which can be left at nursery for you to change them into on arrival? This helps to keep all the mud and leaves outside the nursery and helps to keep the floor clean inside.



**Outdoor Boots**

Please can you all provide a pair of wellies for your child/children to wear when they dig outside?

**CALENDAR**

Tue  
**22**  
Nov  
Bags2  
Schools

Tue  
**29**  
Nov  
Muffi  
(Bottles)

Fri  
**9**  
Dec  
Singalong  
AM Group

Fri  
**16**  
Dec  
Party &  
Social

## Fundraising News

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to you all for the money that's been raised so far this year. We have been amazed by your generosity.

As we are a new fundraising team, we are learning as we go and are trying different ways to raise the much needed funds for the nursery. The Jamie at Home evening was a great success and raised £76.07! The Smarties tubes, so far total £203.60. The beautiful hanging baskets raised £39.40 and Puffin Books £47.50. Finally Cauliflower Christmas cards, which we hope will look amazing raised £51.50. The total amount so far is a huge **£446.77**, which also includes £28.70 from the tuck shop, which is ongoing (thank you to all the cake makers!)

## Upcoming events

Please make a note of the following dates for this term:

**31st October** - Muffi £2 (money to be used to fund our stall at the Holy Family Bazaar)

**22nd November** - Bags 2 School

**26th November** - Buckles and Bows stall at Holy Family Bazaar

**29th November** - Muffi bring a bottle for our Christmas Social tombola

**9th December** - Christmas singalong for AM children only

**16th December** - Christmas social/end of term party

Also, don't forget your Northbrook orders by the **4th November** please. We will also be shortly sending out raffle tickets for the Christmas Social – please try and sell them to family and friends.

Please keep an eye on the notice board for updates and news as well as e-mails. We don't want to bombard people with reminders but know how easy it is to forget or miss something.

All of the money raised is put straight back into the nursery. This year the funds are going towards updating resources (large and small equipment, toys and games) and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Bye for now,

*Caroline and Liz*

## Christmas Bazaar

**11am-2pm Sat 26 Nov,  
Addlestone Community  
Centre**



The Holy Family School very kindly allow us to have a stall at their Christmas Bazaar. Please come along and support the nursery and the school.

## Labelling

Please ensure all your child's clothes, shoes, coats, hat and bag are all labelled with their names and please remember to put their name in both shoes.

## Fees

Please note that all fees should be paid within two weeks of receiving the invoice. If you are having problems with paying your fees, please speak to Anita McKay or e-mail her at [markmckay2@aol.com](mailto:markmckay2@aol.com) as soon as possible.

**Notice to Leave** – If you intend to remove your child from the nursery, please remember you have to give ½ term's notice in order for us to fill your place. If you do not, you will still have to pay your fees



## Tissues

Please can you donate a box of tissues for those autumn sniffles?



## Stationery Supplies

If you have access to free paper, envelopes or computer paper we would be very pleased to hear from you. We always need supplies to keep our costs down. Tesco do a great range of value paper too!



## Private Advertisements

If you would like to advertise to parents via Buckles & Bows, please contact Catherine Cassin at [ccassin6@gmail.com](mailto:ccassin6@gmail.com). There is charge of £10 for an advertisement to be sent out to approx. 50 parents