



# Newsletter

## Autumn 2009



### Welcome.

A big welcome to all our 60 new children and their families.

Everyone is settling-in fantastically and most are now already staying for their dinners!!

There's a special meeting for all parents on: Thursday 15th October in the training room at Treehouse Children's Centre.

Mrs Wilshaw and Mrs Gowland will tell you all about how children progress through the Foundation Stage Curriculum, learning through fun-filled play activities and how you can help your child to achieve.

Mrs Massey  
Headteacher

**Welcome Meeting**

**Thursday 15th October**

9.30 a.m. for parents of children in Blue, Yellow and Orange groups.

2.00 p.m. for parents of children in Red and Green groups.

### Diary Dates

October 8th

Governors Meeting

October 15th

Welcome Meetings

October 15th

Harvest Service

October 16th-22nd

Childrens Progress Meetings

October 22nd

School Closes for Half-Term

November 2nd

School Re-opens

November 10th

Outdoor Fun x 3 weeks

November 4th

Photographer



# Time for rhyme.

Have you ever thought why rhymes are so important? From before birth, babies are comforted by the sound of their parents or carers singing rhymes.

As your child develops, singing to them will introduce:

Actions to rhymes, developing coordination and balance in a fun way.

Recognition of language through repetition.

Learn to recognise silly and fun voices. Develop memory. Broaden vocabulary.

Use silly fun voices and change your tone of voice according to the rhyme, mood of your child and the time of day.

When your child is a little older and can sing the rhymes themselves remember to take time to listen and praise them, giving opportunity for the child to choose the next rhyme.

At the preschool stage singing with them offers:

Sharing with friends, children love to sing in groups and to recognise rhymes sung by others. Relate to everyday activities. Broaden vocabulary and memory further by introducing new and more complex rhymes. Distinguish between sounds e.g. high and low notes, loud and soft sounds.

Improve fine motor skills "Incy Wincy Spider" to aid pencil and crayon control.

Developing imagination, making up rhymes of changing familiar rhymes.



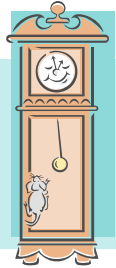
Friday 9th October 2009

Bookstart Day



## Nursery Rhymes

This year's Bookstart theme is Nursery Rhymes. To celebrate the Bookstart week, we would like everyone to come dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character on Friday 9th October.



## Harvest Service

We will be having a Harvest service on Thursday 15th October. Your contributions to the collection are greatly valued. Tins and packet foods may be brought in from Monday 12th October. Fresh foods nearer to Thursday. The harvest collection is distributed to local elderly or sick residents. If you know of anyone who would welcome a harvest parcel do please give their names to Julie in the office.



## Walking Group

Would you like to meet other parents, make new friends as well as keeping fit and healthy?

Join our group every Wednesday from Treehouse Children's Centre Reception. Meet at 1.15pm.

Leave at 1.30pm for approx. 45 minutes of fresh air and views of Berryhill Fields.



Walk your way to a healthy life.

Little steps make a big difference.

## Governors Meeting

Our governing body meets on Thursday October 8th. We are looking for parent governors from our new families this year to work alongside our existing governors. There are only 3 formal meetings a year to attend and it is your opportunity to ensure the school provides the services parents want in partnership with all staff. If you are interested in being a governor would you please complete the attached form, or see Mrs Massey for more information.



## Dinner Money



Dinner money is priced at £1.85 per day.

Please ensure your child's dinner money is placed in a sealed container/envelope showing your child's name and group, and put into the collection tub on Monday mornings.

If you require any help or advice on free meal applications please see Julie in the office.

## School Uniform

Sweatshirts and Polo Tops are available from Julie in the office.

Sweatshirts - £7.00

Polo Tops - £5.75

## School Hours



Once the children are attending school full time the hours are:

9.15 a.m.—3.00 p.m.

The school gate is secured at 9.30 a.m. so that the children can work outside safely. If you arrive after this time please enter via the ground floor Children's Centre entrance.

## Attendance



All children are expected to attend daily unless too ill to do so. Do please let us know in the morning if your child is unable to attend. We do have a policy of contacting parents of absentees.