

MONTY'S NEWSLETTER



Spring Term- February 2015

Funding will recommence on
Monday 23rd February

This is still happening... PLEASE!...

PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Nursery Security

Please ensure when you arrive and depart you

Close all gates securely behind you.

Also please be reminded; parent/ carers **are not permitted** to allow entry to any other person- it is important that the staff can account for who is entering/ leaving the grounds. If you are unfamiliar with any person please **do not** allow them entry to the nursery.

Thank you.

STAFF UPDATES

- For those of you who didn't see the signs, Kerrie had her daughter Amelia and have been in to visit the staff and children
- We would like to welcome Bethan and Samira to the Monty's team. Both are level 3 qualified with Paediatric 1st Aid training
- Nicola had her baby; Joshua on Tuesday 10th February weighing 8lb 4oz; both Nicola and baby are doing well and have already been to visit.
- We would like to inform you that Lauryn's role is changing and as leading SENCo for the setting she will be supporting all rooms and not based solely in Kindergarten room.
- All staff have been attending training to support and improve practice,
- Kerry attended her Safeguarding refresher training on Tuesday 10th February
- Emma attended the 'Free For Two' workshop which this term was based on Story sacks.
- Leighann will be leading Toddler room as sadly Olivia will be leaving Monty's in March due to University commitments.

E-Safety

Please find attached to your latest newsletter a 'Parents guide to E-safety' for your children. All staff have received in-house training to support children's safety online at the setting.



TATTY BUMPKIN CLASSES AT MONTY'S



We had a great time when Vicky from Tatty Bumpkin came to visit us last November. The children enjoyed learning yoga exercises and new movements. This activity involved all the children throughout the setting and was very popular.

We are considering inviting her back regularly and would like to know who of you would be interested; it would be £2.50 per session every fortnight. Please express your interest with the staff in your child's room, thank you.



PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 19th March from
6.30pm

We would like to invite all parents to Monty's Parents Evening. Your child's Key Person will have 10 minute slots where you will have the opportunity to talk with them regarding your child's development and care. Please speak with your key worker to arrange a suitable time.

Changes to our curriculum planning and development folder

We have recently updated our planning systems as well as the children's development folders. Rather than following the set curriculum throughout the rooms each room will now be planning specifically with the children's personal interests in line with achieving the development outcomes of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The folders will now be in the form of a diary covering what the children have done and achieved and supported with the development outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Learning. Please provide the staffs with family photos for your children's learning journeys, Thank you

Sessions and Invoices contact reminder

There has been some confusion of late over who to contact in the office for various enquiries.

If you would like to change your child's sessions then you will need to contact Monty's office; office@montysdaycare.co.uk or call 01732 864629 or for any other nursery enquiries. If you have any queries regarding your invoice, fees or payments please contact Sally; sally@manicmonsters.co.uk. We hope this help, thank you.

Pre-School corner

We have really enjoyed exploring our mathematical games and have spent lots of time exploring shapes and identifying properties. Please can children bring in wellies so the children can explore our 'Mud kitchen'

We have been spending a lot of time role-playing 'shop-keepers' in our new 'shop' as well as doctors. If you have any old milk bottles, shampoo, egg cartons, cereal boxes etc for the children to use in their role play shop or for junk modelling please bring them in We are updating our ICT area and would like your old camera's, phones, iPods, laptops, CD players for the children to explore.

We recommend 'The fruit of the Flum Flum' tree by Julia Donaldson in Preschool we have really enjoyed reading and reciting this story.

We are all looking forward to making pancakes and celebrating Chinese New Year.

We are updating our going home bags which are available to use now; please ask a member of the Preschool team.