

The Early Bird Pre-School (Westbury)

October/November 2009



VERY BIG WELCOME TO YOU ALL!

**Important
DATE!**

Dates
**Autumn
Term**
Mon 7th
Sept -
Fri 18th
Dec

**Half
Term**
Mon
26th -
Fri 30th
Oct

**Staff
Inset
Day -
closed**
Tuesday
3rd Dec

**Spring
Term**
Mon 4th
Jan -

Staff training - each year staff have to complete a number of hours training. We shall therefore be closing for the day on Tuesday 1st December so this can happen.

We want to say a big thank you for all your support!

Wow, our first term has gone so smoothly! We have focused on the transition of starting in the class room and moving to our brand new building, the children are settling in really well! We hope you are all very pleased with our new pre-school, we are happy to hear all your suggestions and ideas!

We would like to say a very big thank you to all parents for your support and to parents; Natalie Pritchett and Sean Atha for your help with moving and flat packing!

Thank you for bringing in wellington boots for the children to go outside in. The children can choose when to go outside during all weathers and we have great shelter for when it rains which is good for shade in the summer too. We recommend that children bring in warm thick coats. Gloves and hats would also be good if they like to wear them.

**Happy Birthday
to you!**

Arabella
31st October
Joshua
7th November
Syreta
20th December



Share your skills

The children love having visitors into the setting, we recently had a visit from our Community Police Officer who would like to come again and bring a car for the children to look at next time.

Could YOU or someone you know help?

Ideas could be showing the children how to use basic woodwork equipment, playing an instrument, bathing a baby, grooming a pet, talking and showing the children what you do for a living or indeed anything the children would be interested in. We would love to hear from you!!!

Autumn Events

October

Friday 23rd - Halloween Party to celebrate our first half term

November

Monday 9th - Photographer

Tuesday 17th - Official Opening (Lime Tree Children's Centre)

Our Open Day

Mon 16th - Parents Evening

Thurs 19th - Parents Afternoon

December

Tuesday 1st - Staff Inset Day;

Christmas Party

End of Term Performance

Details to follow!

Staff Members

Denisse Skewis - Owner

Ebony Hope -Lead

Practitioner

(Safeguarding Children)

Syreta Scott - Deputy

Lead Practitioner

(Health & Safety

Officer and Senco)

Jemma Albon - Early

Years Helper

Watch this space for details
of new additions to our team!!

Volunteering

Have you thought of a career in child care? Many mothers have changed career after having children and volunteering with a pre-school provides valuable experience (as well as much needed assistance). If you would like to volunteer with The Early Bird Pre-School please let us know and see Parent Rota on notice board in cloak room. We particularly need help with painting and computer activities.

Rolling snack time is going really well with the children enjoying the healthy snacks we have been offering. They have had pitta bread with dips, cheese, vegetables, fruit salad with yoghurt and toast with jam/mamite. Many of the children have really enjoyed tasting fresh pineapple.

If you have any ideas of a healthy snack that you think the children would enjoy then please let us know.

Planning

We plan our weekly activities around the needs and interests of the children in the setting. However, to ensure that all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum are covered we also provide the children with the opportunity of taking part in small group and large group times and also by planning termly activities around a particular area of learning.

This term we are focusing on Personal, Social and Emotional skills. Some of the children have brought photographs in from home of things that are special to them such as their families, pets, and favourite toys. All children are very welcome to do this. Also the children are welcome to bring an item in for show and tell and this could be displayed on our interest table for the week, such as their favourite toy, book or a natural object such as a special stone or leaf they have found on a walk. We want to do our best in supporting the children into their new surroundings.

Introduction to our Pets

Most of you have met our pets if not please come and have a look. We have; Gary the Goldfish and Colin, Miss Polly and Lucy our African Snails, which the children enjoyed naming. The children have shown great interest to them, and like to feed them. They are very welcome to bring cucumber and lettuce in for the snails.

Congratulations!

Denisse has started her Masters degree in Partners in Leadership. Ebony has begun her third year for the BA Education Studies. Up to January Ebony will be at university on a Monday so Denisse will be joining us for these sessions.

Jemma has enrolled to start her NVQ level 2 in Early Years, this begins in November.

Our Volunteer Nikki has enjoyed it with us so much that she has also enrolled to start her NVQ level 2!

EARLY BIRD BAGS

We have in stock book bags and sports bags that can be used for change of clothes. These will be charged out for a £10 refundable deposit. You are welcome to keep them at the end of your stay or if they are in a reusable condition we will refund your money.

EARLY BIRD T-SHIRTS

We have in stock red and navy t-shirts at the cost of five pound each. We recommend these as we have many messy activities on offer such as gloop so this way there is no need for the children to worry about getting dirty or spoiling their favourite clothes. Sweatshirts on their way!

We have had a very busy successful first half term! We have welcomed student Ben and volunteer Nikki, it is great to have extra pairs of hands! We have looked at three festivals Eid, Harvest and Diwali and included activities based on these in our planning which a lot of the children found great interest in and this helps to promote their knowledge and understanding of the world.

We have found some activities very popular to the children, some of which you might want to try at home; playdoh (please ask for our recipe), 'Sticky Kids Song', 'Hokey Cokey', painting, gloop, playing musical instruments, discovery boxes, story sacks and preparing snacks such as spreading fillings on to crackers. Please ask staff if you would like details on these.

Wishing you all a great half term and we shall see you week beginning 2nd November!