



Robin Hill Nursery Newsletter

May 2015

Photos

Don't forget - On 6th May, 'Tempest Photographers' will be coming to Robin Hill to photograph your children. They will be here from 9am. If you would like a photo, please bring your child in if it is not your usual day.



Parents Evening

On Thursday 14th 6pm-7:30pm, we will be holding an 'appointment only' parents evening. Appointment lists have been on your child's room door for you to choose a time slot. These will stay on there until the morning of the 14th. If you have been unable to get your desired time slot, please speak to your child's key worker who will be able to allocate a time at a later date. As I am sure you can all appreciate, this will be a long day for all of our staff and so it is vital that you get to your appointment on time. We don't want to risk running over in to too much of the evening.

It is preferred if children do not attend, however, we will have a designated area for them to play to avoid interruptions to appointments.

May Visits/June events

Monday 11th 10:30am-11:30am

Rave Bugs will be back for a fun filled drumming session!

As with all of our visits, if your child does not usually attend this session, you are welcome to come along with them to join in ☺

Monday June 8th World Ocean

Day - All week we will be learning about the Ocean and all Sea Creatures.

Employee of the Month

Last month, you voted for Sophie for always being so helpful and smiley ☺

Who will you vote for this month? Please put your votes in the Post box in the reception area.

Staff members name.....

The reason why they should be our Employee of the month.....

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Unsuitable footwear

It has been noticed on many occasions that girls are coming in wearing high heels. Although they love them, they are not practical for nursery life and we would hate to have to report a serious accident to any of you.

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate, flat, fitting footwear.

As the weather is warming up, I would like to use this opportunity to remind you all that we only allow children to wear flip flops at nursery if they have a strap at the back. Without the strap, flip flops can cause children to trip and injure themselves.

Thank you.

NEW Funding Alert!!

The Government has implemented a new funding scheme for 3 and 4 year olds. It is called the '**Early Years Pupil Premium**'. It is a scheme that has been very successful in Schools and now has made its way in to the Early Years sector.

In a nutshell, as of April 2015, we will be able to claim extra funding to support children's development, learning and care.

It will provide an **extra 53p per hour for 3 and 4 year olds** whose parents have a low income, claim certain benefits or who have been in care or adopted from care.

We have sent out letters to all parents of 3 and 4 year olds in our care to explain in greater detail exactly what it is and what it will do for your child. This additional money could make a significant difference to us. We can use the extra funding in any way we choose to improve the quality of the early year's education that we provide for your child. This could include for example additional training for our staff.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the forms to allow us to claim. We will keep you informed of what extra funding we receive and how we will use it.

New Cook

Some of you may know that we (very sadly) said goodbye to our Cook Helen recently. Helen has been unwell for some time and unfortunately has had to make the decision to stay at home to get herself back to good health. We wish her all the best and miss her terribly.

With all that said, our new Cook Lucy started on Tuesday 28th April. Lucy has certificates in Cookery and Patisserie.

Ofsted Update

After a grueling few months, we can finally give you an update of our Ofsted inspection!

Unfortunately, the investigating officer was unable to come to a decision because "there is no further evidence".

This means that our final grade is 'GOOD' which we are happy with. 😊. The report is very positive and we are very proud of our team and the service we deliver.

If you haven't already, please have a read. You can find the report in the hallway on the parent notice board or online at www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk – our URN number is 109311

Dates for your diaries

Summer term - 13th April - 22nd July

Half term holiday - 25th May - 29th May

Bank Holidays - 4th & 25th May

Remember, we are **OPEN** during holidays and have lots of exciting things going on IN and OUT of the nursery! If you would like your child to take part, simply book in for an extra session.

We also have a Holiday Club for children up to the age of 12!