

Rivington Park Nursery

Parent Information Letter

October 2011

Dear parents

Bonfire Night

Just a short note to remind parents and families about the Bonfire party on Friday 4th November. The event will start around 6.30PM although fireworks will not start until after 7.00PM

Food and refreshments are available and are included in the ticket price. The Ticket costs for all adults and children over 4 years are £5 each. Our nursery children (and siblings) aged under 4 are free. Guest children aged under 4 years are £1.50

We hope that you will come along as we had a great night last year.

Room Changes

We are at the time of year when children do move rooms. We have now moved some of the older Toddler children into pre-school with Hayley Mossdrop who will now lead the Foundation Stage Practice in pre-school. With up to 14 children in pre-school it is nice to see the nursery growing steadily back to its original numbers. Verity will remain as the other member of staff in pre-school.

Our Outdoor Environment

We are very grateful to our nursery parent Mr Gibson who is busy clearing some of the woodland areas around the site to create new activity areas for the children. Our main clearance work should be completed in the next few weeks and the story telling area in the front garden completed for Spring.

We are drawing up some plans about how to use the cleared area at the back to best effect for the nursery children as we have the chance to make a permanent garden, growing, and interest area here as well. Hopefully we will have everything done for spring.

Seasonal illnesses

It is the time of year when general sickness bugs strike! We have also had the first of our Chicken Pox cases for a while. I am guessing we shall have more shortly!

Nursery sickness policies are designed to minimise the chance of infection spreading to other children. Copies of our detailed policies are available from room staff. We understand that it is inconvenient for working parents to keep children with sickness and diarrhoea off nursery however all nurseries follow the same policies and it is essential that children are collected promptly if they have become ill. There is little point in bringing children into nursery if they are suffering from this kind of bug as we will have to send them home and in the meantime they may have re-introduced the bug to others, which is clearly unfair.

Autumn and spring typically see an increase in the sickness bug and we have to be vigilant to minimise it in nursery. I know that you are all supportive of this.

Yours Sincerely

Michael