

Montys Nursery



Newsletter- Autumn/Winter 2009

Dear Parents,

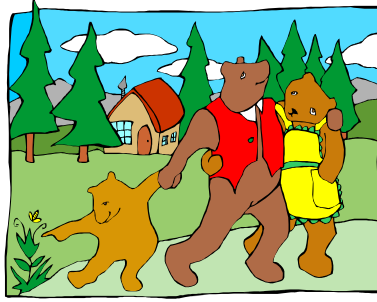
We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer we certainly did at Montys!

Our visit to the London Wetland Centre in July was great fun as was the Cuddle me do farm in August. There are pictures of these events along with some of the children's work displayed upstairs.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parents and children to Montys. If you have any worries or queries please do let us know as we will be more than happy to help you. Don't forget to check our notice board where we will post notices about any upcoming events and activities.

Recently we have celebrated Halloween where many children and staff dressed up, all of you looked fantastic! The children had lots of fun at the Halloween parties where they danced, made scary spiders and cakes and played with creepy crawlies in black spaghetti and jelly.

Best wishes to everyone

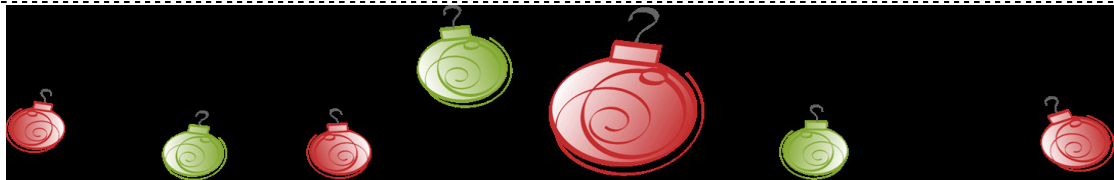


Toddle Waddle

Thank you to all of you who helped to raise money for the children's charity Barnado's. The children of the blue/green room had an exciting morning at the park. We raised lots of money with your help so thank you once again.

The Book People:

Just to remind parents that items from 'The Book People' are situated just inside the front door. Feel free to have a look through and purchase anything that you would like, any member of staff will be happy to help you with your purchases.



Christmas is fast approaching!

Christmas is nearly upon us and we have lots of fun activities planned for the festive season.

Here are a few dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th December- Red and Yellow Christmas concert

Wednesday 16th December- Mother Christmas and her reindeer will be visiting.

Thursday 17th December- Blue/green Christmas concert

Monday 21st December- Santa is coming to help celebrate our Christmas party.

Times will be posted on the nursery door nearer to the events.



Montys @ Marksbury

As many of you may have heard, we will be opening a new nursery at the Scouts hut on Marksbury Avenue before the New Year. The hall is incredibly big so there will be plenty of space for the children to run around and play! The new nursery is OFSTED registered for 30 children from two to five years of age.

We are currently recruiting staff for the new nursery and already have our manager and deputy manager. Geeta Wadhvani will be the new manager for the nursery, Geeta has 9 years experience in the childcare sector. Many of you will have seen Geeta around Montys and we are sure she will do a fantastic job at Marksbury!

If you are interested in your child joining Montys @ Marksbury just let us know as there will be spaces available. We would like to welcome parents to an open day on 27th November from 10am-4pm. Lorna, our new deputy manager will be at the nursery in the afternoon if you would like to meet her.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Gus Lewis for drawing up some fantastic plans of the new nursery for us. We are extremely grateful.

Polite reminder:

The opening hours of the nursery are 8am till 6pm Monday-Friday and the daily sessions finish at 1pm and 6pm.

We are aware that sometimes being late will be unavoidable but please may you contact the nursery as soon as you are aware so that we can prepare your child. There is a charge here at Montys for late collection: we charge £5 for the first ten minutes, followed by £5 per five minutes thereafter. You will then be billed at the end of the month.

If you would like a thorough conversation with your key worker or room leader at the end of the day please arrive a little early to allow sufficient time for this.



Notices:

Now that our older children have moved off to school we have spaces available for our extra-curricular activities. Specialist teachers come into the nursery to provide drama, ballet, sport, music and French sessions. These range from £4-£6 per session, please do inform the office if you are interested in your child taking up any activities.

As you will be aware this is the time of year when colds and flu are common. Please take some time to read our notices downstairs on the boards concerning such issue. Staff will be happy to help with any queries and a useful website if you have further worries is:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk>

We, at Montys, are always keeping up to date with the latest advances in childcare. Over the duration of this autumn term our staff will be attending many courses. These courses include; first aid, food safety, safeguarding children and fire warden training among many others. We would like to wish our staff good luck in all their courses!



New Staff

Since the summer time we have welcomed new staff into Montys.

Many of you will have already met our new room leader in the blue/green room. Sabrina Wise joins us with a Certificate in Childcare and Education (Level 2) and a Diploma in Childcare and Education (Level 3).

Melinda Malita joins Sabrina as a Nursery Practitioner in the blue/green room. Melinda holds an NVQ Level 3 in childcare.

Sinéad Cullen has joined us as our full time administrator and you may also see her helping out in the rooms at times.

Melonay and Nina are now job sharing in the kitchen, helping to provide your children with nutritious meals.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Pat who left us to retire in October, Pat was at Montys for over 7 years. At the end of November we will be saying goodbye to Rosy. Rosy will be leaving us to do some temporary work. Both Pat and Rosy will be truly missed by all of us at Montys.

We would all like to wish them both lots of luck and happiness in the future.