

## Newsletter – January 2015



Thank you for giving us your feedback about the Nursery before Christmas. We are delighted with how positively you feel about Lark Hill Nursery School : you really like the atmosphere in the nursery, which is welcoming and nurturing; you value the staff and the support that they offer to the whole family; you appreciate the opportunities that your child has to choose how they spend their time; and you love the outdoor area and activities.

Some areas to develop were raised and so we spent the Training Day at the start of term looking at how we could make things even better for our children and families. Here are some of the ideas we have started implementing:

1. Morning drop offs can be very busy. We have started opening up the gate and the conservatory at 8.50 each morning so that children can take off their coats, change into indoor shoes and put their packed lunches in the box before coming in to nursery at 9.00. Please note that parents are responsible for their child whilst waiting in the conservatory or playground. The gate will only be open for 20 minutes each morning - so if you have an earlier drop off, or you arrive later please use the Children's Centre entrance as before - but we hope this will make the beginning of the day a little calmer. Please let us know what you think.
2. You often get the answerphone when ringing at the beginning of the day. We always check the answerphone when we get back to the office after doing register, so please be assured that your message will get through. We have started a phone rota so that there should now be someone in the office in regardless of what time you ring. Please be aware though that whoever is in the office will need to take messages to other members of staff and so we can't guarantee to answer the phone every time it rings. You can always email our Business Manager at



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3. There have been some occasions when you would have liked us to discuss accidents and incidents with you, instead of giving you an accident form to sign. We will always have two staff on the gate at the end of the day, so that we will have flexibility if we need to speak to parents in more depth. Please be aware that some points of pick up time can be particularly busy and the staff try very hard to make it a pleasant opportunity to discuss the day although might be doing a number of jobs at the same time.
4. If your child's key person is away, you are not always sure who to speak to about your child. Please feel free to talk to any member of staff about your child, but staff are grouped into trios who work together so you may prefer to speak to one of these two people in the first instance. Our trios are:
  - Mrs Cathy Andrews, Miss Helen Stansfield and Mrs Sarah Strickland (in the 2 year old room)
  - Mrs Cath Evans, Mrs Wendy Riley and Miss Barbara Royle (in the 3-4 year old room)
  - Mrs Tracy Bailey, Mrs Margaret Earp and Miss Jennie Speed (in the 3-4 year old room)

#### **Key dates for Spring and Summer 2015**

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - **Family Food and Art Night** 4:30pm – 6pm (Food and Art to share from around the world with the whole family)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - **Zoo Lab** (Come and handle some interesting animals and creepy crawlies)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - **Family Nursery Trip to Farmer Ted's Farm**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - **Family Nursery Trip to Blackpool Zoo**
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – **Family Exploration Night** ( Come and meet the visiting farm at Nursery)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - **Samba Bamba** (Come and join us for a day of music and dance)



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