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Cowcliffe Pre-school Newsletter July 2016



What's New...

We have had another busy term with new children starting in April. We are full every morning with just a few spaces in an afternoon.

New Staff: Kerry Newsome joined us in May, she has settled in quickly and is a great asset to the Cowcliffe Preschool Team.

Students: Two students have joined us this term; Aneeka from Huddersfield University, joined us in May and will be with us until July 2016 and we welcomed a student from Greenhead college for a week in June.

Goodbye to the children going to school, Hello to our new families: We say goodbye to 24 children in July who are going on to 'big school'. We wish them all the best for their next step in their learning. We have lots of new children waiting to start in September and it looks like it is going to be another busy year.



The staff at Cowcliffe Pre-School wish all our families best wishes for the summer holidays and look forward to seeing you all in the Autumn term.



Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

This term some children have taken part in a Talking Partners programme. The programme runs for ten weeks and allows children to develop their confidence in speaking and use of language, along with improving turn talking and listening skills. The children have particularly enjoyed the 'magic bag' game.

We welcome your feedback

We aim to be a preschool that constantly reflects on practice. If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas please speak to a member of staff. Alternatively please add your comments in the comment box in the entrance. **Thank you.**



You are Invited to Cowcliffe Preschool's
50th Year Celebrations

Please come and join us

Friday 15th July 2016
3.15pm-5pm

Bouncy Castle — Tombola — Refreshments

Session choices

Don't forget to return your session choices for September, even if you are not changing your days. Everyone claiming the Early Education and Care Funding will also be required to complete a new funding form. Don't forget we are now offering a breakfast & afterschool club for those that need an extended day. Please see Miriam if you wish to discuss your childcare requirements.

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Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance

Congratulations

Charlotte Stubbs on the birth of
Isaac Jacob Green



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Training

Staff are continually updating their professional development through courses and networks. Recent training has included:

- **Managers Network:** Miriam
- **SENCO Network:** Pamela
- **Awareness of Child Abuse & Neglect:** Kerry & Jordanne
- **Integrated Review Briefing:** Miriam & Charlotte T
- **Sustained Shared Thinking:** Usha
- **Brilliant Boys:** All Staff

Fee Rates

Our fee rates from Sept are:

- 2 Year Olds £4.00 per hour
 - 3 & 4 Year Olds £3.70 per hour
- Fees are payable half termly.

New Hours

From Sept 16 we are offering an extended day.
Hours of opening are:
8.30am – 4.00pm

Tapestry

Have you accessed your Tapestry account?

An app is available for smart phones which makes it easy to access and add observations.

Parental involvement is very important to us and your input on your child's development is essential.

Over the holidays please upload photos and observations of your child.

Leaflets are available with instructions on how to use the app in the entrance.

If you need any help please come and see Miriam!



Learning Through Play

We have trailed a new form of planning this year.

Objective Led Planning is a method of teaching that enhances/ supports children play.

"When you go and play alongside children you get high levels of engagement"

This type of planning is based on delivering the objective to the children in play and not pulling the children out of play to come to an activity, you may have noticed there are less 'adult led' activities and less 'pictures' to take home. However, please be assured there is still lots of learning going on.

"Children learn best through play"

We offer many activities that do not have a 'final result' that the children take home, but allow children to develop through the **Characteristics of Effective Learning.**

Playing & Exploring; Active Learning; and Critical Thinking help children to become confident learners, exploring the world around them, willing to 'have a go' and to think critically about 'how' and 'why' things work. These help children develop the skills they need when they move on to school.

We try to capture as much learning as we can on tapestry, but we also prefer to interact with the children as much as possible so lots of learning is not recorded. At the end of the year staff spend time preparing the school transition forms, end of year assessments and the final preparations for the children leaving us.

Meet the Chickens

The chick hatching experience was a great success and we had a total of 10 chicks hatch, 6 boys & 4 girls.

We have kept the girls and they were finally named;



Ruby Rose

Anna



Minnie

Golden Rose

Committee Matters

Our committee members have been busy this term updating their training. Training attended this term:

- The Prevent Duty in an Early Years Environment
- Effective Safeguarding Practice
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Being Safe: Effective First Aid Management in your setting
- Role of the Trustees in Delivering the EYFS

If you would like to join our committee for the next school year, please speak to Miriam or a member of the committee.

Dates for your Diary

- *Mon 11th July—Parents Evening
- *Tues 12th July—Graduation Evening
- *Fri 15th July—50th Birthday Celebrations and end of term
- *Mon 5th Sept—Start of new term

