

Sweet Peas Newsletter

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Sweet Peas Nursery has done it again!

Following our recent triggered Ofsted inspection on 9th January 2014 we were awarded OUTSTANDING. The report has not been published yet; as soon as it is published on Ofsted's web site we will provide you with a copy. We would like to thank our Parents and Carers for your continued support and to those who were interviewed on the day of the inspection by the inspector. Also thanks again to all the staff for their commitment and continual hard work.

Family Room Updates

This term the Children's interests have been about time and clocks, animals - particularly spiders. We have enjoyed building a clock tower for the hickory dickory dock mouse and learning about animal habitats. Currently we are interested in spiders and have made up a story, drawn spiders, done a spider hunt and made fly biscuits for the spiders to eat!



From Parents!!!

- As our Children are interested in **clocks**, we would ask if Parents have any old clocks, watches etc. to bring into Nursery for Children to use and learn about time.
- In Phonics, the Children have continued to learn new letter sounds. Our next set of sounds (starting 11th February) will be **ee, or, z, w, ng**. If you could find objects or draw pictures at home with these letter sounds, it would be much appreciated if you could bring them into Nursery.
- We have also been learning about shapes, both **2D and 3D**. If you could talk about these shapes at home or when you are out and about this will help to continue your Child's learning at home.

School Holidays

Spring Mid Term starts Mon 17th Feb-Fri 21st Feb 2014

Easter starts Mon 7th April-Tues 22nd April 2014

Nursery Closed only Good Friday 18th April and Easter Monday 21st April

Chinese New Year

We have celebrated Chinese New Year by learning about the New Year Story and dressing up, tasting new foods for example prawn crackers, noodles, stir fry and spring rolls. We have been listening & dancing to Chinese music and in the creative area we have made lanterns, painted Chinese symbols, flags, panda masks and much more.



Baby Suite Updates

We would like to welcome the new babies that have started this year so far; it has been a very busy start to 2014.

We have recently got a new Music Box and have dedicated Music sessions so Babies can learn about different sounds.

The babies have been enjoying our movement sessions as they have been learning new dance moves and are using jabadao techniques to develop their coordination.

Zoo Labs are coming back!

In Family Room on Thursday 13th March at 2:15pm

Zoo Lab will bring lots of interesting animals for the Children to get up close and personal with. There will be an exercise movement session in which the Children will be copying the animals movements.



Valentines Day

14th February 2014

We will be spreading the love this week as it is Valentines Day by making cards for those loved ones and baking biscuits

Reminders

- If you have holidays booked please advise the staff with as much notice as possible. If you need to amend your child's sessions please advise us in writing; we need 4 weeks notice minimum however we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
- IMPORTANT NOTICE (CAR PARK SPEED) For the safety of all children and families please can parents be aware of your speed in the car park.
- Regarding payments, please ensure you are paying standing orders into the correct bank account; Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 33 42 Account No. 73216381. Please also use your Child's name as reference.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Fire Fire

We are hoping to have a visit from the local fire station in the near future. The Dragonflies took a walk down to the station to hand deliver a letter and pictures of fire engines inviting them to come and visit us however that is only when they are not too busy!!

****We would appreciate it if any parents who work within the emergency services departments e.g. Police, Doctor, Ambulance etc. who have the time to come into Nursery to talk to our Children about the dangers and safety of others. Please let the staff know if this is of interest as it would benefit our Children so much.**

