



# HARRISON Day Nursery



## January 2015



### Happy New Year

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the New Year. On behalf of Management and staff here at Harrison we would like to wish all our children, parents and families a 'Happy New Year'. We hope you all had a very happy Christmas and enjoyed the festive break.



Thank you to all parents/ carers who kindly sent us cards and gifts for Christmas - we really appreciate your kind gestures.

All of the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas season and I am sure you all agree the nursery looked wonderful filled with Christmas decorations - everywhere looked a little bare when we returned in January therefore we are busy replacing all our Christmas displays with more current ones.

The pre-school nativity held at St Nicholas Church was delightful particularly as the Christmas Tree Festival was being held and the Church was filled with lit Christmas trees creating a 'magical Christmas atmosphere'. You never forget your child's first nativity no matter what part they have played - the memories will always stay with you which is why we like to make a special effort and hold our nativity in the Church.



### Parents Evening

Reminder **Harrison Pre-school Parents Evening** will be held **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** between 6 pm and 7 pm. This is an informal evening which is an ideal opportunity for you to have a look through your child's learning journal and discuss any worries or concerns with their keyworker. You also have the chance to have a look around the environment in which your child is based.

### Harrison Day Nursery MAIN BUILDING Parents Evening

Harrison Day Nursery (Main building) Parents Evening will be held **4<sup>th</sup> March** between 6 pm and 7 pm.

### Staff News

As we have entered a New Year and many of our staff have been employed here for a number of years Frank and Paul have introduced a 'Length of Service' scheme in which staff will be presented with a certificate and a cash bonus when they reach the following milestones: 5 years, 10 years and 15 years continuous employment with us.

We are very proud of the fact that we have so many staff who have grown and developed with us both personally and professionally and have been instrumental in the success of the nursery. This is a fitting way to show our appreciation for all their hard work and pledge our support for further professional development in the future. It has been a privilege to observe the members of staff who came to us straight from school and have accessed much training to become the consummate professionals that we see today. We hope they continue their employment here and we grow from strength to strength together providing first class childcare for your children.



Congratulations to Claire Flowerday who is expecting her first child in July.



Deepest sympathy to Sue (Montessori teacher) who sadly lost her Mum this month - our thoughts are with you at this sad time.





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### Pre-school

This term in pre-school we have introduced the Jolly Phonics programme. This is a way of teaching children using phonic sounds. This supports the children as they learn to blend sounds to form words and then progress onto reading. We will be covering a new sound each week and this sound will be displayed in the pre-school hallway. The children will learn the story and action song connected to the sound of the week. We will also be practising the formation of the letter by writing in the air and tracing with sand, rice, sandpaper letters and when the children are ready they will write the letter on a worksheet. We will also be using I-spy games and letter hunts in the garden. If you have any questions please ask a member of the pre-school team.

**We are listening-** any parents/carers wishing to discuss any concerns, worries, please contact Jane. Molyneux- Manager or alternatively by e-mail jane@harrisondaynursery.co.uk We also have a suggestion box located in the foyer as well as a suggestion tree situated at the baby room entrance.

### Dates for Diary

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** - Valentine's cards will be made for our loved ones and sent home on the Friday.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** - Shrove Tuesday . Frankie will be tossing pancakes in the kitchen for the children to enjoy.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** - Chinese New Year. We will celebrate on the Wednesday by tasting a variety of Chinese food and learning dragon dancing.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** - St David's day - We will be decorating flags and celebrating Welsh culture.

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** - **World Book day** - Dress up and donate. For a small donation the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in a story which can be shared at circle time.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** - Mothering Sunday - The children will be making special cards for their Mums.

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** - St Patrick's Day - We will be decorating shamrocks and jigging to Irish music.

**Outdoor Clothing** - We would also like to remind parents that we always offer children the choice to use the outdoor area in all weathers so please help us by providing your child with appropriate clothing: hats, gloves, warm coat, wellies and dry shoes for indoors.' There is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing'. It is important that children are able to experience all weathers, learn about nature and experience the great outdoors.

Can you also label your child's clothing as a number of children have the same or very similar coats. Labelling helps prevent clothing from being mixed up/misplaced.

**Medicine** - Can I please request if your child requires calpol in nursery that you provide the calpol (labelled with your child's name). Consent forms must be signed for by a parent prior to a member of staff administering any medication. Unfortunately this time of year lots of bugs and virus's spread easily so please consider the needs of your child before sending them into nursery unwell. Nursery is a fun and stimulating environment but not always the best place to care for a sick child.

### Harrison Day Nursery App

We have a free app for parents who wish to keep updated with the latest information.

You will receive notifications when news is added as well as reminders of up and coming events.

In order to access the app please follow the steps below:

- Download 'Our schools' app
- Enter **Harrison Day Nursery** or alternatively enter our post code
- **CH45 3HA** in the chosen field and press 'ok'

I would strongly advise parents to download the app as it is the best way to keep informed and receive reminders of events and celebrations.

### Session times -

Can we remind parents session times are morning 8:00 - 12:30 and afternoons are 1:00 - 6:00. Can we please ask parents to refrain from bringing children into nursery earlier than the stated times.

