



# HARRISON Day Nursery



## October 2015



Welcome to our first newsletter of the new term. This promises to be an exciting term for your children with lots of festivities to celebrate.

Firstly we would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new parents and children who have recently joined us. We hope you and your children will be very happy here. We are very aware that this can be an anxious time for new parents consequently we would like to stress if you have any worries or concerns, no matter how trivial they may seem, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's keyworker or a member of our Management team. We are always on hand to offer guidance and support when needed.



**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](mailto:jane@harrisondaynursery.co.uk)

**All About Me Books-** Here at Harrison we have a genuine commitment to establish close links with our parents in order to exchange information and include parental involvement in your child's learning and development. As practitioners, we build up expertise in how your child learns and operates within our setting, but it is you as the parent who knows your child best. The All About Me book will be sent home and if possible we ask if you could please share a little information with us about your child's adventures, events or achievements so that we can get to know your child a little more and enable us to future plan to support your child's learning and development.



**Staff News-** Congratulations to Georgia who gave birth to a beautiful little girl called Francesca - We met Francesca today and she is beautiful. We look forward to her joining us at nursery. Good luck to Gemma who embarks on maternity leave this week. We hope she has a nice rest for the next couple of weeks before her new baby is born.



**Investment** - We are continually striving to improve our provision not just for the children but also for our staff. We have a continuous investment programme in place and we have recently purchased and refurbished the offices above the Rainbow room to provide a new staff room, kitchen, boardroom and offices. We now have excellent training facilities for our staff to further develop their skills and knowledge. We have also invested in 'Tapestry', a software programme which will enhance staffs monitoring and recording of your child's development. Each member of staff will be assigned a Samsung tablet for them to input all data relating to their keychildren which management will monitor. Tapestry provides each child with their own e-learning journey which will include lots of observations and snapshots of their day. We will send a letter to you providing more details when we have the system up and running.



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**Festivals-** We have recently celebrated Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church. We would like to thank all parents who joined us for the service and for their kind donations. As usual Jeff conducted a wonderful service which was fun, age appropriate and enabled all the children to partake and gain an understanding of Harvest Time. This year the food collected was given to Forum Housing Association a Birkenhead based charity helping people who have fallen on hard times.

Pre-school children also spent a lovely afternoon planting daffodil bulbs in Harrison Park with the help of the park rangers. We were so lucky as the sun was shining and it was like a summers day. We can't wait for spring when we can go and have a look at our daffodils in bloom.

**Contact details** - it is important that you notify us of any changes to your contact details at your earliest convenience so we can keep our emergency contact numbers and address details up to date.

## Dates for your Diary

**Diwali** - Festival of light is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The children will make lanterns, taste traditional Indian food and try traditional Indian dancing.

**Halloween** falls on a Saturday this year so we have decided to hold our annual Halloween party on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. This is a fun filled day where staff and children are invited to dress up as their favourite Halloween character and join in lots of themed activities. There will be a fancy dress competition for the 'best dressed character'.

**Pink Friday** - 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will be raising funds for the tickled pink campaign supporting Breast Cancer. The children are invited to wear an item of pink for a small donation.

**Bonfire Night** is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November where we will be outside roasting marshmallows and dipping in them in the chocolate fountain making chocolate covered marshmallows - simply delicious !.

**Children in Need** is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We invite the children to dress up as Pudsey bear or wear an item of clothing with spots on for the day and donate £1 in aid of Children in Need.

**Christmas Dates-** We will be looking to hold our annual Christmas Nativity on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm at St Nicholas Church.

**Christmas Jumper day** will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and the children are invited to wear a festive jumper and donate £1 or more to save the children. The government will match every pound you donate.

**Reminder** We will close at 1 pm on Christmas Eve and reopen Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015.



**Sickness** - Can we please ask if you can refrain from bringing your child into nursery when they are unwell? If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend nursery for 24 hours after their last bout. Nursery is not the best place for a sick child.

**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. We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

**Accounts**—If you have any queries regarding accounts we would appreciate if you could email Sarah on: office@harrisondaynursery.co.uk

**Cheques**—Can parents making a payment by cheque please make cheques payable to: 'Harrison Day Nursery Limited' We also have a suggestion box located in the foyer as well as a suggestion tree situated at the baby room entrance.

