

# Little Treasures Newsletter

## February 2009

### Student Dance Teacher

We are lucky to have a student dance teacher with us every Friday who will work with the children, teaching them new dances and encouraging them to become confident individuals.

### Health Promoting Nursery Award

We are happy to inform you that we have just completed our Silver award and it has been sent for verification, we will inform you in the spring when the award ceremony will be held.

### Active Start Course

Linsey and Liz recently attended a course – Active Start, which is a physical resource pack. It provided a brief outline of physical sports including Golf, Football, Racquet sports, Traditional Dance, Basketball, Athletics and Orienteering and how to introduce each to pre-school children. We have already sourced the Golf and Athletics packs and have begun to incorporate this into our curriculum. We will be looking to borrow the others as soon as they become available. The Active Start manual is available if you wish to have a look, just ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

### Wish Bags

Karen and Maryanne recently attended a conference about wish bags for the two year olds. We will receive 6 bags that will include resources that will help develop your child in all six areas of the birth to three document, this will be discussed at a parents evening after the bags have been delivered in the spring.

### Child Absences

We would appreciate it if you could inform us if your child is going to be absent from nursery to ensure our records are kept up to date.

### Fees

I really appreciate the parents who pay on the first day of each week/month that your child attends but recently the amount of parents paying in arrears is increasing. If you have any problems with making a payment on the first day of each week/month then please contact myself.

### Pop n Bop

Recently we have had some fantastic visits from Baba Boom and Pop n Bop. Due to the success of Pop n Bop we have booked a further 5 sessions.

### Procedure

We have sent a copy of our numeracy policy as we are developing numeracy throughout the nursery and are open to any suggestions you may have.

### Helper System

You may have noticed we have a new helper system where the children are encouraged to take on some responsibility for some tasks. The children will soon be given a Responsible Citizens Certificate once they complete the task asked of them.

### Snack

Recently we changed the snack layout and its now in a buffet style. The children have the choice of a few cereals, toast and fruit.