

Funding

Nursery will be open on Monday 5th of January 2010, however please note there will only be 4 funded sessions that week due to the Bank Holiday.

Eye Screening Test

This is a reminder that the Pre-School Orthoptist visit for all those who wish to have their child's eyes tested will take place on Wednesday 6th of January 2010 @ 09.30am.

Courses

Staff will be attending various training courses throughout the month, which will enhance children's learning as they incorporate what they have learned into the nursery.

Home Link Programme

As we have some new children who have started with us over the last couple of months we would like to take this opportunity to again explain the benefits of our Home Link Camcorder programme we have in the nursery.

Each week 2 children will be given the opportunity to take home a camcorder to use at home or on outings. Children will be familiar with these camcorders as they use them within nursery, therefore please do not be afraid to let your child use them. Children can film whatever they choose, which they can then show on the smartboard and share their personal experiences with their friends.

This has proved a great success last year with children showing real pride in their work, therefore we hope to continue this in the New Year.

Please note these camcorders are available to borrow if you were going anywhere special, i.e. family parties, day trips and so on. If you wish to borrow a camcorder please speak to staff who will be happy to organise this for you provided the camcorders are available.

Planning and Learning Stories

After the holidays staff will observe children to decide on a new topic for planning, once we have agreed one we will place the support sheets on the parents notice board, again if there is anything you can contribute please feel free to add this to the sheet or alternatively speak to a member of staff as we welcome any parental support where your child's learning and development is involved.

Your child will be receiving their Learning Story home again week commencing 4th of January 2010, if you would like to add any achievements your child has made outwith nursery it would be greatly appreciated as this like the home link programme allows your child the opportunity to share such experiences with their friends. It also gives you a chance to speak with your child regarding experiences they have been involved in at nursery. Please remember however that the learning stories are a personal document which only records their achievements, all other planning and experiences your child has been involved in are recorded in their group floorbook, which you can have a look at any time.

Staff would appreciate if you could keep the learning stories no more than a week to allow them to keep up to date with filing achievements.