



# Westwood Montessori

Newsletter 1 - September 2011

Diary Dates 2011

Half term 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October

End of Term Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to preschool and a very warm welcome to all our new starters! We hope you all had an enjoyable and fun filled summer break and are ready for all the fun and exciting learning experiences this term. A very big thank you to everyone for all the lovely and thoughtful gifts & donations you gave us at the end of last term. We really appreciate your generosity and kindness.

**New Classroom Layout-** During the summer term the staff observed that the children were forming close bonds with staff members & children from the other rooms whilst using the outdoor classroom and we really felt that we, as Montessori teachers, should follow their lead and provide that free flowing environment indoors as well. It has taken a great deal of time and effort to ensure the classroom flows correctly and this new layout will greatly enhance the children's learning experiences and friendship groups. We also felt it was an ideal opportunity to refurbish the kitchen areas, install new carpets and increase the equipment for the children in each curriculum area. We are sure you will agree that the new layout looks beautiful and welcoming and the children have settled extremely well into the environment.

**Preschool Communication Board-** Please check our communication board in the entrance hall for up to date news and information during the term.

**Bags and Snacks-** Please remember to clearly label all your child's possessions and to pack spare clothes, wipes, nappies and waterproof/warm outer wear. It is advisable to leave a spare pair of welly boots as the children have free access to the outside in all weathers! Please could your child bring a healthy snack into preschool to share at our snack cafe e.g. fruit, cheese, cucumber, vegetables or crackers, breadsticks and rice cakes. We provide milk or water for the children to drink.

**Fun Day & Concert-** Thank you to everyone who came along on our final day of term. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying our beautiful setting. We raised a fantastic £109 and will be purchasing new IT equipment for the children to use in the classroom. Thank you!

**Contact Information-** If you need to contact the preschool urgently during classroom hours or to inform the staff of a child's absence then please telephone: 01371 831902

For all general enquiries please telephone Liz & Rachel at Play to Learn Head Office - either by email [westwoodmont@btconnect.com](mailto:westwoodmont@btconnect.com) or telephone: 01371 831902 and for invoice, payment and grant funding queries please contact our Bursar, Emma Briggs either by email: [johnbriggs@abpconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:johnbriggs@abpconsultancy.co.uk) or telephone: 01763 836996





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