



September 2011

St Paul's Nursery at St Barnabas Site Newsletter

We would like to welcome all our Parents and children back to a new term and hope it will be as enjoyable as the last one.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to all our new Parents and children and hope you will enjoy your time with St Barnabas Nursery.

Dates for diary:

Friday 2nd November

Inspire Workshop Topic - Christmas

1st session - 9.30am – 11.30am

2nd session – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Monday 7th – 11th November

Parent Consultations

Monday 14th – 18th November

Parent Consultation

Friday 25th November

Nursery closed due to Staff Conference

Friday 9th December

Christmas Party

Friday 16th December -

Christmas Closure

Children's Nursery Funding - How it Works

I am asked this question many times on how children are funded, and as a parent I know all the information given is really confusing.

At St Barnabas Nursery we only accept funded children:

3-year-old children are able to come the term after they are 3.

E.g. if your child is three in August they are able to start in September but if they are 3 in anytime after August they cannot start until the following January.

Every 3 year old is entitled to 15 hours at any nursery once they are eligible.

There is funding available for 2 year old children, but this is not given automatically to every 2 year old. Your local Children's Centre will assist in finding out if you are eligible to make an application. If you are, Birmingham City Council will make the decision to grant the funding or not.

You are welcome to come and discuss your options with nursery or your Children's Centre.

Winter Clothing



As the cold weather is fast approaching us please could we ask parents to ensure their child is wearing the appropriate clothing and always arrive with a coat as they will be playing outside regardless of the weather as fresh air is highly important for all children, physical activity enhances the development of their gross motor skills.



Benefit Advice

CASA

(Community Advocacy, Support and Advice)

CASA works hand in hand in the community to provide free confidential advice to everybody. It offers advice and information regarding benefits, housing, debt etc.

They are based at 44, Bradford Street
(E-mail: - enquiries@casa-national.org)

Phone number 0121-622-1715.

They also do a drop in surgery at the Children's Centre on Tuesdays from 2pm-5pm.

Food From Home

Please could we ask parents not to bring any kind of food or drink to nursery from home, as we provide snacks and are mindful that some children do have allergies.

Thought for the day

"Tell me...I will forget
Show me...I might remember
Involve me...I will understand"

Newsletter by email

We are now able to send the newsletter to parents by email. If you would prefer to receive yours by this method please let us know and we will arrange this for you.

Home Made Birthday Cakes

Can we just remind parents that we are not allowed to give children (at nursery) cakes that have been made at home. However if you want to bring in a shop bought cake to celebrate your child's birthday this is perfectly fine.

Children's Bags

Please could we remind all parents to ensure that all children have the correct items in their bags, spare clothes, nappies wipes etc.

Recipe Pasta salad

Ingredients

200g Pasta (Cooked)
1 Bunch of spring onion
1 Red pepper
1 Yellow pepper
1 Cucumber
1 Punnet cherry tomatoes
1 Pack basil
Olive oil
Sweet corn
Sweet chilli sauce
Salt and pepper

Method

- Chop peppers and spring onion, place on a baking tray with the olive oil, cook for 15min at gas 7 or electric 200.
- Chop cucumber, tomato and add to the cooked pasta, add the sweet corn.
- When the peppers are cooked add to the pasta, do this while the peppers are hot, add salt and pepper.
- Put the basil in a food process add olive oil and blitz until all the basil is mixed with the oil. Add this to the pasta. Add chilli sauce mix well and cover. The heat from the peppers will help make a dressing.