



1st Steps Newsletter

October 2010



Graduation

Appetite for life

DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENTS EVENING 14TH DEC
6.00—8.00PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY 29TH OCT
6.30-8PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY 17TH DEC
2.00PM

CLOSING TIMES 24TH DEC
CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEARS EVE WILL BE AT 30TH DEC
4.00 PM.
CLOSING ON BANK HOLIDAYS ONLY.

Congratulations to all of the children who graduated with us in September and to say how much they will be greatly missed. The Event was a great success and we would like to thank all the parents for their support. The children (although some a little shy) all enjoyed this and it is a fantastic way of recognizing and celebrating their achievements in nursery.



We have been awarded the Appetite 4 life Award for the 2nd year running. This award has only been awarded to 4 nurseries in Sefton. It is only given for exceptional practice in being safe and clean, having good allergy awareness, providing healthy food and providing opportunities to practice good oral health.

Here at 1st steps we have close links with our parents to promote this award and actively engage in activities to uphold it such as parents information displays on healthy snacks and meals, the damage of dummies, sleep, rest and play. In the next few months there will be workshops for parents to take part in, to share ideas on healthy meals and snacks, Keep a look out for upcoming dates. Also keep an eye out in your local paper for our write up!



COOKING AT 1ST STEPS

HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday club this year has been a great success. Places filled up really quickly so please book early for the half term to secure your place. During the summer holidays holiday club went on various trips. To the cinema to see Cats and dogs, On a pirate

hunt, to the maritime museum, To Southport for a football tournament. Marilyn and Jess did an excellent job planning outings to local parks, Zig zags in Southport for a funday. They also made their own boats to float on the canal. It certainly was a fun packed time. Pre book your place on the half term and Christmas holidays



PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER WE DON'T HAVE BAD WEATHER JUST BAD CLOTHING. DRESS YOUR CHILD APPROPRIATELY AS OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT INCLUDES THE OUTDOORS.

This year we will be collecting toys that are in very good/new condition for a toy sale. These toys will be available to buy, at a much reduced cost, in time for Christmas so stock up on all your gifts. Please hand your unwanted toys into the office. Proceeds will go towards the Christmas party.

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ANOTHER REMINDER TO PARENTS ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN MONEY IS A LITTLE TIGHT PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR FEES. PAYMENTS NEED TO BE IN ADVANCE OR YOUR CHILDS PLACE WILL BE FROZEN.

FEE INCREASE

In October fees will have increased if you are unsure of your new fees please see office for your new weekly balance.



We would like to welcome Vinny our new chef. Vinny is currently working towards a NVQ level 2 in catering. He is under training with Alex + Bev working towards his NVQ's and is supported by his NVQ assessor.



Congratulations to Jess our new member of management. She has taken over from Christina who has now left to go travelling to New Zealand. You will see Jess opening and locking up, she'll be available to receive payments, and is available to support you with SENCO issues



We have now restarted the pick ups and drop offs from All Saints School. Thanks to Brenda for offering this service. If you require this service please contact Alex or Bev



ROOM 5 & 6 TRIP TO SEFTON PARK

Room 5 & 6 have recently built a natural area in the corner of the room. This is for children to explore natural objects and learn about their environment. When looking for objects to go in the area children went to the caves in Sefton park and collected all natural objects. Here they learnt that a plastic bottle is not natural compared to trees and leaves. Josh is exploring the rocks and really enjoyed

climbing to the top. Look at his self gratification. On this trip children really became at home with nature they splashed in the stream, learnt how to skim stones, looked at the wildlife, practiced stepping stones over water and went rock climbing. This is a trip that will be repeated over the next couple of months so parents keep your eyes open and your more than welcome to come

Get Well Soon Wishes to Debbie, Louise and Paula. Hope you feel better soon. xxx



Congratulations to Collette on the birth of baby Olivia. And Congratulations to Steph and Alex on their impending arrival.

OTHER NEWS.....

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE MAKING ANGELS AND WOULD LIKE ALL PARENTS TO TAKE PART AT HOME WITH THEIR CHILDREN. LAST YEAR WAS SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE PENGUINS WE HOPE THIS YEAR WILL BE THE SAME. ENTRIES TO BE IN FOR 3RD DEC, SEE LETTER NEARER THE TIME.

ROOM 3 POLICE VISIT

Room 3 had a visit from community policeman Paul in his van. This was to help a little boy settle in to our nursery as he has a fascination with police. The children were able to climb into the van and try on the police hat. They were also given the opportunity to get into the cell at the back but not many wanted to do this (lets hope it stays that way)!

