



Jack and Jill Day Nursery

April 2011

Festivals

We have been very busy since New Year celebrating lots of Events and Festivals including:
Chinese New Year, St Valentine's Day, World Book Day, Shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's Day, Comic Relief, Holi, Climate Change Week. We have lots planned for Easter too! The fun is endless!!



Free Childcare

Your child will be eligible to 15 hours government funded childcare the term after their 3rd birthday, we are now offering this on a flexible basis and up to 8 hours can be claimed in one day. To find out more please speak to Jodie.

Don't forget to recommend us to your friend and let them know about the free childcare available at all 3 of our sites, Oxtou, Seacombe and Brimstage!

Bank Holidays

We will be closed for the following Bank Holidays:
22nd, 25th, 29th April
2nd May

Term Time Dates

Please note the following dates for term time children only.

Easter half Term 18th - 29th April
Half Term 30th May - 3rd June
Summer Term 18th July - 1st Sept
Half Term 24th - 28th October
Christmas Half Term 19th - 31st Dec

Children's clothes

Please remember that old clothes are best for nursery as we like to get messy during activities and can sometimes get dirty in the garden while digging our veg patch or during messy activities!
Also just a little reminder to label shoes, clothes, coat etc to avoid confusion.

Resource Books

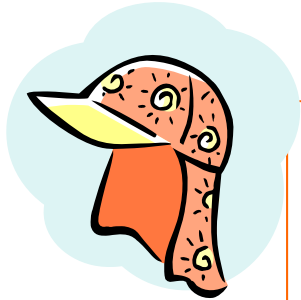
The children gain so much developmentally from the activities at nursery that we thought it would be a good idea to develop a booklet so you can see how each activity promotes their development. These booklets will soon be available in each room for you to view just ask your child's key person.

Payments

Can I please remind all parents/carers that payments for the month ahead should be paid no later than the 1st of the month. If you would like to set up a standing order bank details are available from Jodie.

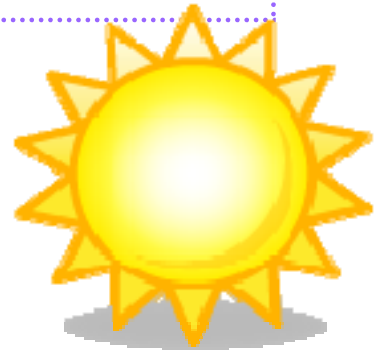
Learning Journals

I would like to thank everyone who filled out the questionnaire your input is very important to us. We have come to the conclusion that the journals are working very well and no changes will be made at the moment. Can I also remind parents about the parent comment box in your child's Journals, please use this to record messages you would like passing onto your child's key person or to tell us what your child has been up to at home. This helps us to provide continuity of care.



Warm Weather

As the warm weather is approaching it's time to start thinking about sun block! If you would like your child to wear a higher factor than 25 then please provide it in their bag with their name clearly marked. If your child has a cap or sun hat then please bring that too.



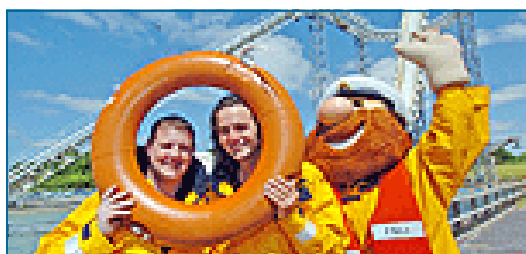
Life boat Fundraising event 14th April 2011

We would like to support Volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. They provide a 24-hour lifeboat search and rescue service around the coasts of the UK as well as a seasonal lifeguard service on many of the busiest beaches in England and Wales.

The RNLI works to promote sea and beach safety and the volunteers are the heart of the RNLI. To celebrate the remarkable bravery of the RNLI's lifeboat crews and lifeguards we are holding a fundraising day on the 14th April, we will be having lots of fun, the children will be baking cakes and making their very own junk model boats and we will be face painting too.

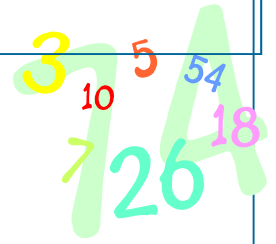
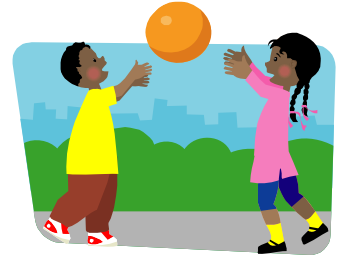
We also have a collection box in reception for any donations you would like to make.



Staff Training

As you know professional development is very important to us, just recently all of our staff have taken up the following training sessions to ensure we are providing the best service possible.

- Partnership with parents
- Numeracy in the early years
- Continuous provision
- EYFS training
- Sustained shared thinking



Health Promoting Early Years Programme



We have recently signed up to The Wirral Health Promoting Early Years Programme and aim to achieve the standards which lead to Health Promoting Early Years Status. The programme is a joint health and education partnership, which aims to improve health and wellbeing in early years settings.

Over the forthcoming months we will be encouraging parents and carers to register with Change4Life. Change4Life is all about making small lifestyle changes that add up to big health benefits. Go to www.nhs.uk/change4life and you'll receive an action plan tailored to your family's needs. The plan includes:

- A tailored action plan for each of your children.
- Recommendations for particular areas to focus on.
- Fun and helpful ideas for the family to try daily, weekly, monthly.
- Regular emails with seasonal highlights and everyday tips to help your family make healthy changes for a happy future.

We want to help parents and carers find simple ways to include play-time in their children's daily lives, and to show that all kinds of play can help children to be more active. Playing together is a great way to spend time as a family and help develop children's confidence and communication skills. It can also help parents and other family members stay active too!

