



# Newsletter June 2011

Hooray, summer is here and we are all making the most of our time in the garden and our walks around the village. We would like to welcome our new friends Jennifer, Henry and Tamla into our tiddler room, Emily to the Seahorse room, Layna to our Seashells room and finally Cameron to our School leavers. We hope you all have lots of fun making new friends and enjoy exploring and investigating!!



We are pleased to announce that Laura gave birth to a baby girl on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Ella Louise Robson weighed 5lb 13oz. Mummy and baby are doing well ☺

As some of you maybe aware, Faye is getting married on 9<sup>th</sup> July so will not be with us for the whole of July. She will be busy getting everything ready then jetting off to sunny Florida for their Honeymoon. We wish Faye and Alex all the luck for their big day and all the best for the future.



We are pleased to let you know that we have had a revamp to our website and will be regularly updated with policies and procedures and any need-to-know information such as extreme weather conditions, illness outbreaks - chicken pox, sickness and diarrhoea. We will upload all menus and newsletters from now on so keep checking!! This will also be saving paper and trees ☺

The web address is: [www.buckden-day-nursery.co.uk](http://www.buckden-day-nursery.co.uk)

In the May edition of the newsletter we introduced Sam Waters and Sian Gardener who will be joining our team in July. Sam (the young man who our preschoolers adore and whose life-time ambition is to be a Principle) will be joining Kyrie and her team in the School Leavers and Sian will be joining Lou and her team in the Goldfish room. Both Sam and Sian have spent the last 2 years within the setting during their work experience whilst studying for their level 3 qualification. If you haven't yet met Sam or Sian, I'm sure you will be introduced officially in July. We also would like to introduce Emma Conner to the team who will be joining Big Preschool at the end of June. Emma has just completed her Level 3 and is very excited to be joining the team. Sam, Sian and Emma have recently gone through Buckden Childcare Agency's vetting and recruiting process and ready to begin their future at BDN ☺.

## The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Thank you to all the parents who are continually filling in the interest spots in your child's room to allow us to enhance their experiences at home and incorporate this into our planning. Parent contribution with planning helps the key people enormously to plan based on the child's interests and experiences which we can enhance during their time with us. Please see your child's key person for some interest spots. Thank you.

## Drop off and collection

Please can we ask that for health and safety reasons no parents drop off their child before 8am. The staff members enter the building at 7.55am to set up the activities, breakfast room etc so will be unable to take you child until 8am. For parents who require an earlier drop off, we do have an early bird slot from 7.30-

8am for parents who need to leave for work earlier. This is at a charge of £2.50 and will need to be booked in at least 24 hours advance to ensure we remain in ratio.

In recent months there has been an increase of late collections after 6pm. Can we please remind you that there is an additional charge for late collections of £5 per every 5 minutes. In the case of an emergency please can you contact your emergency contact to collect.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Sun cream and Sun hats

As the summer season is upon us please can we ask that you apply sun cream to you child before they arrive at nursery. This will save a huge amount of time for the children instead of waiting for the staff to apply sun cream to everyone. The nursery cream has now changed to Boots Soltan Kids factor 50+. If you would like to supply your own cream due to skin irritations etc please bring a named bottle in as soon as possible. Please can I also take this opportunity to ask parents to urgently bring in sun hats to protect our little faces whilst in the garden ☺.

#### Visits this month

This month we are having visits from 'First Aid for Little People' for the school leavers and Big Preschool on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Jo, the first aid instructor will discuss how to keep safe and what to do in an emergency. We will enjoy learning about the recovery position and when we need to ring 999. Also this month we will be having a visit from 'Zoo Lab' who will be bringing in some wacky rainforest creature for us to have a look at and if we are brave enough have a hold!! Zoo Lab will be visiting School leavers and Big and Little Preschool on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you to all parents who have kindly donated vouchers this year. We have collected the Sainsbury vouchers and have ordered obstacle equipment for the garden. We are still collecting Tesco vouchers until 30<sup>th</sup> June and are busy picking new equipment for all ages. If you have any Tesco vouchers lying around please bring them in before 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again.

#### Early Years Funding (EYF)

The term after your child turns 3 years of age you will be entitled to up to 15 hours free childcare. If your child attends 1 day, you will be entitled to up to 10 hours. If your child attends 2 days, you will be entitled to up to 13 hours funding and if your child attends 3 or more days, you will be entitled to the full 15 hours. The minimum claim per setting has now increased to 2.5 hours.

Each child receives funding for the 38 school weeks of the year. As we are open 52 weeks of the year, due to parent request in previous years we now divide the yearly entitlement across the whole year so all parents know exactly what will be coming off each month, otherwise your fees would increase during peak holidays such as Christmas and Easter.

If you decide to decrease your claimed hours mid way through the year, it will effect your amount rapidly as the amount will need to be recalculated based on the school weeks and months left of that academic year. If you have any questions regarding EYF please see me in the office (It took me long enough to get my head around it all! ☺) Thank you. Keeley.

#### Tiddlers and Seahorse (Babies)

During June so far the children have enjoyed decorating their own dragon boats using paint for the Chinese Dragon Boat festival. We are getting ready to make something special for our Daddy's... but sssshhhh it's a secret!! ☺ We have been exploring a variety of tactile materials such as playdough, with different essences added, we've been getting messy with custard, paint and mash potato. We are looking forward to making nursery rhyme sacks for group time. We will have a nursery rhyme of the week where we will sing and explore the objects associated with the rhyme. This will allow the children to become familiar with specific rhymes and fantastic for repetition and links closely to letters and sounds framework.

### Goldfish

This month we are making special cards for Daddy! We are celebrating the Chinese Dragon Boat festival by offering the children different art resources to make a dragon boat and having boat races in the water tray using different objects. We will also be doing tactile play with rice and leaves as this is what Chinese citizens throw into the river around the time of the boat festival. We are also looking at and discussing different modes of transport.

### Seashells (Little Preschool)

This month we will be making yummy treats for our Daddy's in preparation for fathers day. As the weather is getting better and better we are spending a lot of time exploring the changing environment around us, looking at the growing vegetables and looking for bugs. We are continuing to water our flowers we planted to help them grow. We are continuing to set up the role play area to enhance their current and changing interests based on observations and interests from home.

### Starfish (Big Preschool)

This month we going to be busy making father's day cards as well as making a jungle in our role play area due to a child's current interest in the animals. We are going to be baking cakes, painting and discussing our favourite superhero's and having a dress up week. We will be looking at different shapes and finding them in the environment around us. We are also focusing on the sounds around us when indoors and outdoors.

### School Leavers

This month we will be continuing with our discussing about people who us help us, we have enjoyed a visit from a fire man and hopefully be getting a visit from a doctor and more exciting people. We are currently busy making father's day cards. We have been discussing what our favourite foods are and painting wonderful pictures of what we like best to eat. Note to all school leavers parents: Parents evening will be taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please see your child's key person to arrange a time and date. Time slots will be displayed shortly in the school leavers room.

**Keep the date:** School Leavers Party - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

If your child does not attend nursery on a Thursday afternoon, please feel free to meet us at the Millennium Hall (Invites will be sent out shortly ☺).



Buckden Childcare Agency and Buckden Day Nursery have a brand new **out of school club** opening on 25<sup>th</sup> July until 2<sup>nd</sup> September for children aged 4-11 years old. '**Schools OUT**' is being held at Buckden Millennium Hall for children aged 4-11 years. Activities will be running throughout the day, with the cost being just **£3 per hour** it's a great way to keep your children entertained in the long summer holiday! '**Schools OUT**' will be open Monday-Friday 7.30am until 6pm and will be run by a team of qualified and experienced practitioners - some of whom you'll recognise!! . '**Schools OUT**' gives you the comfort that your child is in safe hands and having lots of fun with the choice of hours that suits your needs.

If you are interested in a place for your child/ren during the holidays please see Keeley or Faye for a registration form or contact Heidi or Becky at the Agency on 01480 810816. Visit our web page for information on our fun-filled summer holiday timetable [www.schoolsout-cambs.co.uk](http://www.schoolsout-cambs.co.uk)

That's all for this month!! ☺