

July 2011

# Newsletter

## **Graduation**

22 of our 4 year olds graduated from nursery to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The Mayor handed out certificates, photos were taken, and a bouncy castle and party tea was enjoyed by all children, parents and relatives.

Children were asked, "What would you like to be when you grow up?". "A window cleaner", "a gardener", "a fireman", "Justin Bieber's girlfriend" and "a boy" were just some of the jobs our children would like to do.

Lots of the children have been with us since babies, doesn't time fly? Not a dry eye among the audience, staff and parents.

## **Kings Kids Holiday Club**

Our Programme is now out for our holiday club which is running through the school holidays for all 4 to 11 year olds. The programme includes outings and activities and lots more.

Anyone can book in between 7.30am – 6pm for hourly, morning, afternoon or whole days on a regular, flexible or occasional booking.

## **Out of School Collection and Drop Off Service**

Out of school care during term time is also taking bookings for September for drop off and collection to all schools in the Melton area. This service includes breakfast, tea, transport and a full programme of activities.

## **Contracts**

Contracts were given out a short time ago to all parents, please sign and return these as soon as possible.

## **Fee Increase**

Fees will be increased from August. All parents should have received these. If not, please ask in the office. Some prices went up, some went down!

## **Rag Bag**

Please can all parents remember to bring any unwanted clothes or textiles to nursery for recycling.

### **Notice Boards**

Outside all the children's rooms are new notice boards letting you know what the children have been doing each day. Please take an interest in these as they are renewed daily.

Also, to help you understand the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) a notice board in the corridor has been developed to get you involved in your child's "learning journey". Each child has a file, developed by their key person.

### **Nursery Education Funding**

We are now accepting 3 and 4 year olds for the new school term in September that will receive the government funding entitlement. Each child is entitled to 15 hours FREE care in nursery in our Pre-School Room.

Use your hours in a variety of ways 9am-3pm on 2 days, or 9am-12/1pm-4pm for 5 sessions or full days or full time and deduct funding from your invoice.

Each child entitled to this 15 hours FREE funding will benefit greatly on their run up starting school. Please ensure your child receives the full 15 hours.

Please speak to the office to find out which sessions would suit your child best.

### **Forest School**

Many children have been lucky enough to experience forest school during the last 2 terms either at Melton Country Park or at the Ernest Cook Trust site in the woods at Little Dalby.

Each week the children have been attending in small groups with our forest trained staff, to enjoy having their dinner cooked on an open fire, building dens and many forest activities.

Photographs are displayed outside Tigger's Room and are changing every week.

We will continue again in September on Tuesday mornings. Any parents wishing to join us, let us know.

### **King Edward School**

No news yet for the old school. We are enjoying the quietness of the grounds without pupils and traffic. This has created a very safe site for all our children.

### **Dr. Barnado's Sponsored Toddle**

The toddle took place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Children and staff took part and dressed up as animal characters. All toddled around the old school field and enjoyed refreshments and a sing song on the way.

### **Mix and Shake Up**

We would like to welcome our new members of staff - Sarah Jane, Ellie and Sarah.

Some staff have expressed an interest in working with a different age group and where possible we are trying to carry out their wishes. You may notice a few changes to the staffing in the rooms but we hope that this will take place with minimal disruption to your child.

As soon as changes are announced, we will let you know. Keep an eye on the new notice boards outside each room.

### **Staff Training**

10 staff have completed a 12 hour First Aid Course and a further 10 staff have almost completed a 4 day training course at Totem Pole near Grantham which has taken place on Saturdays. Staff have learnt skills that can be used within outdoor learning, especially forest school and how to cover The Early Years Foundation Stage within all activities. Food Hygiene and Safeguarding Children are 2 of the courses which many staff will be undertaking online.

### **Family Picnic**

We would like to invite you and your family to join us in the Play Close on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 3pm for a picnic and games. Further details to follow.

## ROOM NEWS

**Roo's** and **Pooh's** children have been exploring and found their own special mini forest school where they have been able to play with pine cones, make music and feel different textures. They have also been enjoying lots of messy play activities including paint, water and angel delight play!!

**Rabbits** room have been really enjoying taking part in role play activities including feeding and bathing babies, as well as "cooking in the home corner". We would also like you to bring some family photographs to help us with our family board and don't forget about your pets!!

**Piglets** children have also been enjoying a lot of messy play activities, exploring different textures ranging from flour to baked beans. The baked beans were a big hit with some even enjoying a nibble. We have enjoyed playing outside with the cars and bikes, sand tray as well as taking a number of toys outside to enjoy. We have also brought the outside in by collecting twigs and leaves, using them in the soil with the dinosaurs. The children really enjoyed pretending that the dinosaurs were stomping and munching in the soil.

## Tigger's

They have been having lots of fun outside playing with the water, sand and even planting flower tubs with Heather. We have also enjoyed lots of art and craft activities including making a volcano which even erupted.

**Kings Kids** have enjoyed a "children as teachers" night where they took on the role of teacher to demonstrate their specialist skills – teaching football, tennis, dance and gymnastics.