



## NEWSLETTER

February 22nd 2010

We hope you all enjoyed the week's break; especially the children; as we have a busy term ahead with Holi, Mother's Day, our nursery class entrants for the Bidborough Garden Show and, of course, Easter. Not to mention turning our beds over for the spring planting. Lettuce and runner beans were firm favourites last year but if your child has a particular vegetable they like; please let us know. We will do our best to include them in our plan.

### Academic Year 2009 – 2010

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Half Term 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

#### MOBILE NUMBERS

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(the above during nursery sessions only)

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### Questionnaire

We will be sending out our annual questionnaire to all parents during this term. These are completely anonymous, but very helpful for us in evaluating our services to you and your children. Of course, we are always happy to discuss any suggestions you may have, or explain anything. So come and have a chat with either Denise or Jane.

### Sainsbury's Active-Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting these vouchers. The collection box is in the entrance hall. Parents have always been very supportive of this initiative and we have received many valued items encompassing all areas of learning from this source. Please think of us when you're packing your bags!

### World Book Day

This takes place on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> and we are handing out £1.00 off vouchers for books. These are valid from 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March and are an excellent incentive to encourage nursery children to have an interest in books which supports early reading skills.

### REMINDER

Please name any items the children bring into nursery especially WELLINGTON BOOTS, coats and cardigans/jumpers. The younger children occasionally pull items from the boxes out of curiosity and although we do our best, unnamed items have gone astray in the past. Thank you.

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## ***SELF REGISTRATION***

For the benefit of new children we would remind parents that in order to encourage name and letter recognition amongst the children; we use a self registration system; please encourage your child to find his/her name on the tables, opposite the doorway as you enter, and take it to the alphabet pocket wall hanging (far wall) and place the name card in the pocket with the letter that begins his/her name. [This is in addition to the main register taken in the vestibule].

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## ***Bidborough Garden and Flower Show***

Your nursery always has an entry in this village show and all children take part. The show is being held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April between 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

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### **Inclement Weather**

The Department for Children, Schools and Families – DCSF – has issued the following statement “essential travel includes pupils going to school to keep learning, and school staff going to work” this is once safety and adequate supervision is deemed to be acceptable and is at the discretion of the Head teacher. In light of this the nursery will endeavour to be open during inclement weather. However, we will post a note on our website, **as required**, with updates and keep your Parent Association representatives informed.

### **WEBSITE**

Our website is located on: -  
[www.bidboroughnurseryschool.com](http://www.bidboroughnurseryschool.com)

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## **PLANNING**

We are in the process of re-evaluating our planning system. We will keep you informed as to our progress. At present we have just started to loosely base each week around a theme; for example this week (22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>) we have looked at travel and flags of the world. This has enabled the children to explore through role play ‘travel’ using our travel agent’s box, this linked very well with the photographer’s visit and saw a great many children taking snapshots on their ‘pretend’ cameras. We continued to link this into our other activities. Cars, bus, train and planes were utilised for present times (pirates were used as an example of past travel) and with water play we explored boats and why they float/sink. Looking at the globe and maps, the children have been telling us about where they have visited and how they got there from their homes. Carrying on from this we talked about which animals live in different parts of the world, and later on, introduced building blocks to make animal dens, caves etc. At snack time we chatted about where our fruits and vegetables may have come from and how they travelled to the children’s homes before reaching the nursery.

The above is only a small section of what we do. Ultimately our planning is based around the children. What they enjoy playing with, what they talk to us about, answers demonstrated through play to questions they ask us and simply the types of activities they want us to take out.

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