



NEWSLETTER

April 19th 2010

We hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead. We will be exploring growing; in many different ways (see below), and making a gift for Father's Day.

We sadly said goodbye to Kerry last term, but have heard from her that the new bungalow is looking good, and her new job is going well. We all wish her the very best with her new endeavours.

We are pleased to welcome Rebecca Elks onto our staff. Many of you will know Rebecca as she has been on hand over the last year as a childcare student placement and a very much needed additional cover when sickness has struck anyone down. We also offer her many congratulations on passing her Childcare Certificate.

Academic Year – 2010

Mon 19th April – Thurs 22nd July

Half Term 31st May – 3rd June

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thursday 6th May is Election Day and the Village Hall will be used as a Polling Station. We will therefore not be open on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience; this is a General Election.

Questionnaire - Results

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned these. There have been a few pointers, some of which we can answer straight away and a few will require further discussion.

One or two parents have mentioned a flyer detailing what the children do, timetable etc. May we please direct all to our notice board and to our Operational Plan folder which is at the entrance door. This gives all the information necessary about the running of the nursery and is available every day for browsing through. We now hand out a sheet of paper which the parents association kindly drew up last term, detailing basic information such as where to hang coats, put boxes etc. to all new parents.

STOP PRESS!

We have just received a letter from Kent County Council approving our application for a grant. The Hall committee is calling a special meeting next week and will then organise the project works! Fingers crossed these are completed soon.

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!

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].

REMINDER

Please name **all** items the children bring into nursery. 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.

WEBSITE

Our website is located on: -
www.bidboroughnurseryschool.com

PLANNING

The planning is now evolving under the guiding hand of Wendy Brian who has taken on the vast amount of paperwork involved with this and; with practical and verbal contributions from the nursery team and the children; we have re-introduced a loosely based theme for each week (adaptable to the children's requirements). We feel this is the best method so you as parents / grandparents can be included and relate and share experiences with the children outside nursery.

Our overall theme is: - **GROWING**

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| 19 th April | Spring: Seasons – how they relate to plants and animals |
| 26 th April | Growing things – read – The Enormous Turnip: – include – garden centres, planting symbols explained, weather chart |
| 3 rd May | Jack & the Beanstalk: counting bean game, giants' measure |
| 10 th May | Life Cycles: tadpoles/frogs, caterpillars/butterflies or moths, chicks/eggs (alligators also) – read- The Very Hungry Caterpillar |
| 17 th May | Babies: baby pictures, looking after babies/baby animals |
| 24 th May | How we grow: time/age/birthdays and on the last day of term we will cook in the morning and the afternoon children will eat what they have made for a 'nursery' birthday tea. |