

### Staff News

It is with an extremely heavy heart we announce Beckie will be leaving the Sandy Bears team. Beckie has been an absolutely wonderful member of staff and we know she is close to many of our families. Beckie is moving to a community nursery that is much closer to her home so we wish her well and feel the families are very lucky to be gaining her to help on their journey.

### Parent's Committee

Thank you so much to the parents who attended our first committee meeting. It was brilliant to hear parents' points of views on ideas and have roped them in to helping with lots of exciting new things so watch this space ;)

### School Place

Any parents who have a child with us who turned 3 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 will need to apply for a school place before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 ready for them starting in September 2014. This can be done online or over the phone, any problems or questions on this process do not hesitate to speak to Laura or Astone.

### Phonics

I will be holding a phonics session for all pre-school parents on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm. This will cover the ideas behind the Jolly Phonics system and show you how you could use it at home. If you are unable to make the session a write up of key points will be made available.

### Photography

Sandy Bears will be having a professional photographer in 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November who will come in and take snaps of all the little ones. Over 3 days all children will be photographed along with group shots which will all be available to buy afterwards! Just in time to make a lovely Christmas present. The company is called Bounce Photography so feel free to have a nose round their website before they come to see us!

### After School

Just want to say a huge hello to our new after-schoolers who have joined us this half term. We have been doing lots of brilliant things, making candles, designing t-shirts, glass jar decorating, wish rainbows and much much more! All 3 schools have interacted and behaved wonderfully and we love having you all!

### Zoo Lab

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 4:10pm we have arranged for 'Zoo Lab' to come and see us and bring a few little friends for us all to see. This is a fun, exercised based workshop designed to get children up and moving to learn about the weird and wonderful creatures visiting. If your child(ren) is not usually in Sandy Bears on a Tuesday and you would like them to get involved please speak to a member of staff about booking a place. Due to time this is also available for our after-school club ☺

### Facebook

For any parents who use facebook Sandy Bear has his own personal page which you can be friends with to keep up to date with news and events! Simply search 'Sandy Bear' under people and you will find us!

### Photos

Could all Sandy Bear parents please send 6-8 photos from home of your child(ren) with the most important people & things in their lives. We are going to laminate these pictures and turn them into little individual books to keep in our book corner. Your child can get this book out whenever they feel they want to see a loving familiar face or just to show and share with their friends. We think it's a lovely idea and hope you do too! Thank you to all the parents who have already brought in your pictures-the books look amazing!!!

### Halloween

It's that time of year again where we get to see all the little ones dressed up as gorgeous little pumpkins, cats, monsters and all sorts of exciting things! This year our party will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11am and will include a spooky hunt, party games and lunch finishing at 1pm. If you would like to book in for this please speak to a member of staff....and have fun outfit planning!

### Baby Room

As most of you now know we have a beautiful new carpet in the baby room! This area will be a total no-shoe zone so we will remove children's shoes before they go onto this area and would be very grateful for adults' cooperation too ☺

### New Equipment

Our even more exciting news is our new equipment is ALL ordered and will be arriving over the next couple of weeks so keep popping your head in to peruse the new things!

### Thank You

Finally a massive thank you to everyone who donated towards our Bags2School we will keep you updated with the grand total!