

# HeadStart Day Nursery

## Spring 2014 Newsletter



A warm welcome to ALL of our parents and children; this term will continue to provide exciting experiences and fun for the children during their learning journey with us.

<u>Themes of the month</u>	
MARCH	Pancake day Stories and rhymes Mothers' day All about me
APRIL	Animals Spring Easter Colours
MAY	Growing water cress/sunflowers Healthy Eating, incl. fruit of the day Garden centre/Farm Jasper's Beanstalk

### Parents Consultation Meetings -

We will be holding parents meetings in March on the following dates: 2, 3 and 4 April 2014. Please speak to your child's key person to book a time.

### Coffee Morning -

Tuesday 25 March 2014 ; 9.00am –10.05am ;  
Wednesday 23 April 2014; 9.00am –10.05am

**Meeting and Greeting** is an important time to share information and to let you know what your child has been doing during the day. It is also a time for you to tell us about things that they have done at home. Please feel free to come into the room when you drop off or collect your child.

### Funding:

Children in the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday are eligible to 3 and 4 year old funding. The Nursery will inform all parents and take care of all the paper work involved for this. Fees will be reduced accordingly. Also during non-term, if you wish for childcare to continue, regular fees will apply.

### Gentle reminder

- We are continually updating and reviewing our Policies and Procedures. If you have any suggestion or comments, please speak to your child's key person, manager or email us at [info@headstart4life.com](mailto:info@headstart4life.com). Alternately, please put your views in our suggestion box based at the front entrance of the nursery.
- If you change your home address, mobile numbers, or any other important information, please make sure you let the nursery know, so that a new application form is duly completed.
- If you have not done so already, please provide your child with a new toothbrush and toothpaste to be kept at the nursery
- We **loan** our favorite books and toys to parents to take home to read and play with their child/ren. This really supports children's interest in reading and develops their language.
- **Lost Property:** Please, could you check the lost property box in the pram area. If you have lost anything, please have a look.

## Reminder (continued)

- Can all parents please label their child's belongings and use a rucksack to put them in – it is then easier to locate missing items. PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS due to health and safety reasons. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.
- The nursery cannot take responsibility for children's toys brought in from home, if they get lost or broken.
- Prams and buggies must be small, folded and stored in the pram area. Prams left in the entrance area are blocking the fire exit
- This is a "Nut Free" nursery, please make sure that there are no nuts, or products containing nuts sent into the nursery.
- Changes to dietary requirements, allergies etc must be updated on your original enrolment form in the office.

**Staff changes** – We welcome Lucinda and Leanne who have joined the HeadStart Nursery Team. We sadly said goodbye to Sabeya and Hadjila who have left the nursery to start their new career and married life. We wish them the very best for the future.

**Forest School-** We are pleased to inform you that we have started Forest School sessions in the nursery. Forest School specializes in the learning approach that compliments the wider context of outdoor and woodland education. This enhances children's learning in the natural environment with boundaries. Forest School enhances independence, improves decision-making skills, and raises children's self-esteem through hands-on experiences in the outdoor area. For more information about the Forest School project, please ask your Mandy, the Forest School Coordinator.

### ***"There's no such thing as bad weather...just bad clothing"***

Children must be provided with suitable clothing for wet weather, cold weather and snow.  
For wet weather children must be provided with wellies and a waterproof coat.

For cold weather and snow children must be provided with a warm coat, hat, gloves and closed in shoes or wellies. Children should also have on suitable clothing for the time of year e.g. trousers and jumpers.

	March 17 - St Patrick's Day		March 20 - International Day of Happiness
	March 21 - 23 - Sport Relief		March 30 - Mother's Day
	April 20 – Easter Sunday		April 23 – St George's Day

*If any parents/ carers have creative ideas/ wish to help or support the staff with any of the above events, then please get in touch with a staff member*

## Nursery Closures 2014

*Easter - 18 and 21 April 2014; May Bank Holidays - 5 and 26 May 2014*

Best Wishes, HDN Team.

# CAN YOU HELP?

## WE ARE COLLECTING

- All Supermarket vouchers
- Box Tops for Books
- Used stamps (for Charity)
- Yoghurt pots
- Colourful gift bags
- Shoe boxes and egg boxes
- Disused mobile phones (for role-play)
- Buttons, Ribbons, Material
- Cones – pebbles - shells
- Donations of games/books/CDs (in good condition) -that your child has grown out of are very useful.
- Multicultural clothes again that your child has grown out of are suitable for role-play.

