



Lisa's Letter

Welcome

Welcome to my first newsletter. I am hoping to produce this in line with the schools term times three times a year.

The newsletter will detail the areas that the younger children will be covering for the next few months and also let you know how you can help in their development.

I will also include important dates and reminders for you as parents and I will also include anything that I think will be of interest from the world of childcare.

Autumn 2011

As the nights start to draw in we have two main themes, Autumn and Christmas. These are interspersed with three specific events, Diwali—the festival of light, Guy Fawkes night and Remembrance day.

Autumn activities will include bark rubbing, vegetable and leaf printing as well as some food making to reflect harvest.

Christmas activities will include our usual development of Christmas presents and will also include some food making to

reflect the season.

Starting next week (3 October 2011) we will be looking at developing the children's number, letter and colour recognition. To help with the colour recognition we will be starting a colour table. Please could I ask each child to bring one item of the colour of the week on the first day of the week that they attend eg a red brick, red flower, red pencil etc.



Starters and leavers

A quick update on the children that I look after.

As you will probably know Justin started in July and will be with us either before school or after school usually four days a week depending on his mum's shifts.

Oliver started at the beginning of the new term and will come every day after school.

Olivia also started at the

beginning of the term and will be here before and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jacob will now be joining us before and after school on Monday as he has now started in the reception class at St Margaret's. We would like to wish him good luck at school.

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Dates to remember:

- Holiday
- Tuesday 1 November 2011 to Thursday 3 November 2011
- Thursday 22 December 2011 to Monday 2 January 2012
- Mum's Christmas meal
- Saturday 3 December 2012 (provisional)

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Teddy travels

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A home away from home



In the next couple of weeks I will be buying a teddy that I will send home on a regular basis for a week at a time. The idea of the teddy is that he will travel with your child for the week when you go out and record his adventures in his diary that will be sent with him. It would also be good if you could add photos of where he has been and what he has done.

The idea of this is to broaden the children's knowledge of the world and to help develop their language and speech by discussion what the bear has done and once they can write their writing skills. It will also have an outfit so will help with younger children learning to get dressed.

Once we have the teddy we will have a competition to name him or her!

REMINDERS:

As the weather gets worse please could I ask for a set of spare clothes either to be left here (school age children!) or brought each day. It would also be useful to have wellies, waterproofs, hats and gloves including for the school run for the older children! It would be very useful for younger children if the gloves could be on elastic threaded through their coats to avoid losing them all the time!

Colours of the week

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| 3 October | Red |
| 10 October | Blue |
| 17 October | Yellow |
| 24 October | Green |
| 31 October | Purple |
| 7 November | Orange |
| 14 November | Brown |
| 21 November | Pink |
| 28 November | White (yes it's not a colour but..!) |
| 5 December | Black (again not a colour!) |
| 12 December | Grey |

We will restart colours again in January.



Christmas meal

As you will see from the dates on the front I am planning a mums' meal on the first Saturday of December. I have provisionally booked Hons in Rainham for 7.30. Please could you let me know if you would like to come and meet each other and celebrate Christmas together.