



Lisa's Letter

Welcome

Welcome to my newsletter. I can't believe that over a year has passed since I last wrote a newsletter.

As you will have seen I have updated the information that is available to you in the hall. This now includes a copy of my holiday dates and the weekly menu for you to review. Please let me know if you think there is anything else that would be useful to you.

Whilst it appears that we have already had summer please could I ask that your children have a hat and some sun cream for when the days do finally become sunny again. This will help protect them when playing or doing activities outside. It would also be useful for after school children to have a spare set of clothes for when it is raining or they want to play outside. Please ensure that these are named.

Nut allergy

One of the children I care for has recently been diagnosed with a nut allergy. As a result of this can I ask all parents to be aware of any foods or other items that they send with their children to ensure that they do not contain nuts or nut oils. This can range from the nuts themselves through to items using nut oil for cooking like curries.

This will help us avoid having

to take the drastic measures of using an Epi-pen! If you have any questions or concerns please let me know and I will discuss them with you in more detail.



Starters and leavers

A quick update on the children that I look after.

New starters

Owen (8) and Anna (14) joined us recently. Owen will be here before and after school some days and Anna will join him when their mum is on a late shift.

Frankie (15 months) joined us at the end of last year for 3 days a week—this was a real blast from the

past as Billy, his older brother, was one of the first children I looked after.

Oliver (1) will be joining in June for up to 3 days per week keeping Frankie company

Leavers

We will be sad to see William leaving us in the near future when his baby sister arrives.

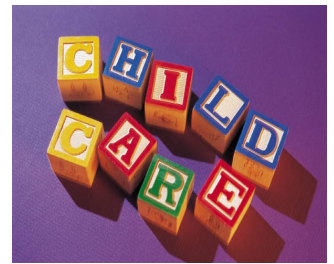
Taylor will be leaving us at the end of the summer term when his mum finishes her college course.

The end of the summer term will be tinged with sadness when Byansi leaves us—BB has been with me since he was in nursery.

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Dates to remember:

- Holiday
 - 5 May
 - 26 May
 - 26 July—10 August
 - 30 August—2 September

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Childcare vouchers

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Childcare vouchers can save many parents with kids aged up to 15 over £1,000 a year on childcare. Frustratingly, it's only available via employers, but many large and small companies take part.

The key is they enable you to pay for childcare out of your PRE-TAX and National Insurance income. While this doesn't sound much, the benefit is huge.

I am already registered with Busy Bees, Computershare and Co-op for their vouchers but will happily register with any other agency that your employer uses.

For more information on vouchers I would recommend going to www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/childcare-vouchers.

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VACANCIES

I will have a number of after school vacancies from September. If you have any friends or acquaintances looking for care for children at Orchard Pre-school, St Margaret's Nursery, Infants or Juniors of who are in any of the local secondary schools I would be pleased to discuss my services with them. I am happy to look after children from birth to 16.

NEW EQUIPMENT

I have recently bought a new sand tray that will be good for older primary aged children and this will be built shortly.

If you do hear of anyone having a clear out of any toys or play equipment please let me know as I am always interested in expanding my range of equipment.

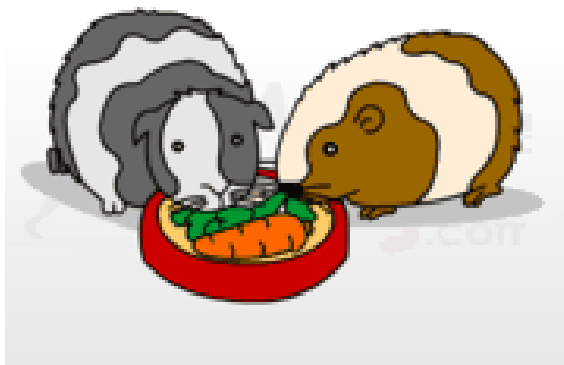


REMINDER:

Please remember that when your child is ill there are a number of occasions when I am unable to care for them—this is to avoid causing any cross infection to other children in my care. The full list of illness and exclusion periods are in the copy of my portfolio—please ask if you would like another copy of the list.

WANTED

Toffee, Smartie and Cocoa, the guinea pigs, have also asked me to let you know if you ever have broccoli stalks or outside cabbage leaves that you don't want they will happily take them off your hands!



Holiday dates

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Saturday 26 July to Sunday 10 August inclusive

Saturday 30 August to Tuesday 2 September inclusive

Friday 31 October to Monday 3 November inclusive

Wednesday 24 December to Thursday 1 January 2015 inclusive



Bank Holidays

Monday 5 May

Monday 20 May

Monday 25 August

