

# Choochoos Day Nursery

## April 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to our April Newsletter, I hope you all had a great Easter break.

**Parent Forum** - Thank you to all the families who attended our EYFS Forum. It was great to see all the support and we hope the event was helpful. At the event it was highlighted that parents did not know that they could use our website [www.choochoos.co.uk](http://www.choochoos.co.uk) to send in observations for the learning journeys. This is a really useful tool, take a look...

**Red Nose Day** - A big thank you to all the children, families and staff for all the support and donations we received at our sponsored bounce. We raised a whopping £706.00 for the charity, our best record yet! If you are yet to hand in your sponsor money, please do so as soon as possible.

**Cabin** - The cabin is now officially open, complete with a sensory and woodwork area and the children have already begun to use them. Please let a member of staff know if you would like to view the cabin or if you wish to assist us in the use of the tools. Also we would be very grateful of any unwanted wood that you may have lying around.



**Garden Canopy** - Have you been in our garden recently? We now have a new garden canopy for shade from the sun and shelter from the rain. We used the money raised at our Christmas and Summer Fairs to purchase this. The canopy gives the children even more access to the outdoors.

**Parent Donations** - We are still collecting for our Heuristic Play, so if you have any of the following items to donate we would really appreciate them:- Wooden spoons, curtain rings, purses/wallets, ice cube trays, cutlery drainers with holes, straws, key ring links, door wedges, metal/wooden spoons, coasters, mug trees, foam and wooden balls.

**Summer Time** - The Summer time is approaching, although it may not feel that way at the moment! So if you have any plants or seeds that we could plant in our garden we could make good use of them please.

**Sun Award** - We are applying to gain our Sun Safe Nursery Status. This award will help us with our care practices to ensure children are safe during the summer months. It is particularly important to us as a setting that celebrates being outdoors.

### **New things that we are doing -**

**Caterpillars** - The Caterpillar room have begun their new self-registration system. Be involved! You as a

parent are now required to help your child find their photograph and then place it on their peg.

**Butterflies** - We have extended our science area which is very popular. We are currently creating an 'Our World' area. If you have any old CDs or world globes that you no longer require, the Butterflies could use these to promote the area.

**Babychoos** - Babychoos have created a new role play area and home corner. If you have any unwanted materials such as – purses/wallets, bags, hats etc. we would gladly receive them.

**Family Photos** - Please could you bring in a family photo for our board? These can be handed to your child's key person. I know we are always asking but the children use them so much during their day.

**Gentle Reminders** - Please remember to dress your children appropriately to the weather, ensuring they have named coats, hats, scarves and gloves whilst the weather is still cold.

Could all gloves be kept on elastic inside your child's coat where possible to ensure they are easy to locate for garden play and walks and so not to lose them.

**Sickness Procedure** - Please can you familiarise yourselves with our sickness procedures. You can find our illness leaflet in the lobbies.

**New Policy** - We have been working closely this month with our local Health Visitor to ensure we follow the very best advice for administering powdered milk for babies. We will be forwarding our new policy next week. Of course these are guidelines and we will work with families individually meeting your needs effectively.

**Invoicing** - Please be aware that invoices are now being emailed to you, so please ensure that we have a correct email address for you. If you require a paper copy please see Sam, Admin.

**Good Luck Lauren** - I am sure you will join the team in wishing our Manager Lauren Mankelow the very best of luck for her wedding on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please can you all keep your fingers crossed that the sun will finally be shining.

**Goodbye Sam** - This month we say goodbye to Sam Leman from the Caterpillar Room. She is now going to work at our Canterbury setting. I am sure you will join the team in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

**Dates for Diary – National Pet Week** - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April, Choochoos invites all children & staff to come in dressed as their pets. If you have any friendly pets that you wish to share during this week, please let your child's keyperson know and we can arrange this.

**May Day** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**May Bank Holiday** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May (We are CLOSED).

**Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter – Karla Tabony, Registered Person**