



## Welcome...

Welcome back to the Summer Term. It was wonderful to see everyone return to school, ready for the busy term ahead.

Playing and learning outside is what we enjoy doing at New Millside and the Summer Term will see us making the most of the outside play area. The Vegetable Patch and Sandpit are especially popular and busy areas at this time of year. Summer is also a perfect time for us to take full advantage of the Broughton Infant School wonderful school grounds. We will be visiting the school as part of our transition process. We will be spending time exploring all areas and enjoying using the wide open spaces.

The children will be planting a variety of vegetables like Lettuce, French beans and Cucumber in our veg patch. They will also find out about other creatures outdoors who might be interested in tasting the crops as they mature and before we get the chance to pick them.

We would like to remind all parents that it is their responsibility to ensure that their child comes to preschool with sunscreen applied (at least factor 30) and a sunhat. The children may wear UV protective sunglasses. Children who are with us all day will have sunscreen reapplied at lunch time. Please send in your child's sun cream if you haven't done so.

Last term we were visited by one of our parents who is a fireman from the local fire service station. It was an informative session for the children as they learn about fire safety. The children were excited and a wonderful experience for them as they tried on the 'firemen gears'. A 'big thank you' to Mr Rawlings ( Millie's dad) and his colleagues.

As part of our topic last term 'Children from around the world', we invited children to dress up in costumes that represents their country or a different country. We looked at lots of different costumes from around the world. We would like to use this medium to say a very 'big thank you' to Mrs Tariq (Ibrahim's mum) who came to Preschool to showcase costumes from Pakistan. Some of the children and staff came in dressed up wearing costumes from France, Pakistan, Nigeria, Japan and Kenya. This was a wonderful topic for celebrating the diversity of the children in our preschool.

*Sarah Williams*

## Summer Outing - Mead Open Farm

At New Millside Pre-school we think it is a vital part of our children's education to visit and experience places that have a true educational value and purpose. Since the beginning of this academic year we have been using the environment outside the preschool to enhance the children's learning. In order to extend the children's outdoor learning experience, on Tuesday 15th July 2014, we are planning a trip to Mead Open farm in Leighton Buzzard and **all registered children** are invited.

Unfortunately, due to seat restrictions on the coach, we are unable to accommodate siblings on this occasion. We say big thank you to all our parents who have sent back the reply slip. If you haven't, please return your slip even if you do not wish your child to join us.

We are looking forward to a pleasant weather on the day and we are sure the children will have so much fun!

### Dates for your Diary

**Term Dates 22.04.14 – 23.07.14**

Veronica will be coming in on 20th May – details to follow

Zoolab 10.06.14

Inset Day 30.06.14

New Starter Day – 1.07.14 – closed to existing children

Formal Parents Day 11.07.14

Trip 15.07.14

Summer Fair 18.07.14

Summer Party with entertainment 23.07.14

### Staff News

We would like to welcome Winsome who joined the team last term. Winsome has been caring one-to-one for one of our children. She has settled in well and formed a good relationship with some of the children and staff.

### Key Carers

Each child is assigned a member of staff as their key carer, who is responsible for observing and recording their progress throughout preschool.


If you have any concerns or would like a progress update on your child, please do not hesitate to speak your child's key carer or Sarah Williams.



## Voluntary Donations

Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation, this ensures the continuation of parties, entertainers, a gift at Christmas for the children and helps toward the cost of paper towels, wipes, soap etc. If you have misplaced your form please don't hesitate to contact Jacky.

Donations can be made directly to our Fund Raising Account 61740873, 40-08-39 or by cash or cheque made payable to New Millside, we suggest a donation of £39. Thank you for your continued support.



## New Millside Pre-school Clothing

If your child is sent home in anything from pre-school please ensure it is washed and returned directly – just pass to a member of staff.

## Uniform

£4.00 – Hats

Legionnaire style, purple with preschool name on.

£6.00 – Bags

£16.50 – Fleeces

Black with purple embroidery – one size only.

£6.00 – T-shirts

Purple with lime embroidery – one size only.

£6.50 – Long Sleeved Top

Should you wish to place an order please complete the form and pass to a member of staff, once payment has been made either cash, cheque or direct payment the uniform will be placed in your child's drawer.



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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/newmillsidepreschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/newmillsidepreschool)

## Pre-existing Injuries

We would like to remind you to inform staff of any bumps, bruises, marks or scratches that your child may have before you leave them for a session so that the correct form can be completed.

## Fees

Must be paid by the due date. All monies due to preschool must be sent in a clearly labeled sealed envelope with a note of the amount paying and child's name on the front - and must be noted in the book and placed in the box. Cheques to be made payable to New Millside Pre-school, cash or direct payment.

**Please let me know when direct payments are made for fees on 07928689736.**

Weekly payments must be agreed in advance. If agreed weekly payments must be made at the beginning of the first session at the start of the week.

Payment will be made by the end of the last session of the second week of term.


Three weeks' notice must be given should you wish to remove your child from pre-school. If three weeks' notice is not given a full half terms fees will be required.

Payment is still required if your child misses a session due to sickness or holidays. Any queries regarding fees please speak to Jacky.

## Administration

Any administration queries/information regarding fees, uniform, session availability or waiting list enquiries should be directed to Jacky on:  
[newmillsidepreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:newmillsidepreschool@btconnect.com)  
or on the mobile 07928689736 this will be on between 9am - 3.30pm.

## Help us celebrate your child's development... Star Moments



Here in the preschool, we get as excited as you do watching your child grow and develop, and would like to celebrate all their achievements - whether they happen at preschool or at home with you. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us to create a well-rounded picture of who your child really is.

These 'Star Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you'd like to share with us. For example, you child's favourite bedtime story, the day their first tooth fell out, how they built a tall Lego tower and many more besides!

Below are some examples of completed stars as ideas. However, please remember that your child is unique. What he/she enjoys doing or achieves for the first time is personal to them and be recognised whenever it takes place, regardless of when their friends did something similar.

Attached is a sheet of 'Star Moments' for you to use when you wish. Please hand a completed star to a member of staff whenever you would like to share the information.

## Quick reminder...

Parents can request to see their children's development profile anytime. Please ask a member of staff when you come to collect your child.

Parents can request to speak to their children's key person when they come to collect their children.

Sarah is available for a late afternoon or early morning open surgery/drop in session. This would need to be by appointment.

Parent's folder containing all our policies and procedures is in the office and parent can request to see it anytime.

Remember to visit  
[www.newmillsidepre-school.co.uk](http://www.newmillsidepre-school.co.uk)