



WAKOOS Centre4Children Newsletter

Issue 5

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Welcome to Issue 5 of the Newsletter

Apologies to those who did not receive the April newsletter due to absence over the Easter break. Some items in this newsletter will therefore be duplicated for the benefit of all

Dates to remember

- 25th to 29th May - Half Term
- 25th May - Spring Bank holiday
- 4th & 19th June - INSET Days at Billingshurst Infant School
- 4th June - Polling Day
- 4th & 5th June - B'Hurst Junior School closed (Polling & INSET days)
- 21st June - Father's Day & Billingshurst Summer carnival
- Sunday 9th August - WAKOOS Family BBQ
More details coming soon



On Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May the "Kidz Stuff" festival will take place in Horsham Park.

There will be lots of fun stuff to do plus a Circus, Science Fair, and Sports Academies, Giant Soft Play area, Book Readings, Climbing Walls, Trampolines, Birds of Prey, Inflatables, Kitchen Workshops, Festival Market and an attempt on the World's Largest Custard Pie Fight .

Advance Tickets purchased before May 24th are only £8.00 per person or £30 for a family of 4 (Babes in Arms are free).

For more information check out

<http://www.kidzstuff.org.uk/Default.aspx>

Nursery Manager

Hopefully you will have all received a letter announcing the Nursery Manager position has now been filled and we are delighted to welcome Veronica Sullivan to WAKOOS C4C.

Veronica will join the setting as Nursery Manager on Monday 1st June 2009. She has 26 years experience in the field of childcare, of which 17 years have encompassed management appointments.



Huge thanks to Becky, Caroline and all the staff for keeping the children healthy and happy & maintaining such high standards over the past few months



Sunny Weather

Now that warmer and sunnier weather has finally arrived, please remember to put sunscreen on your child before bringing them to WAKOOS, and please provide labelled sunhats. We do not NOT have any spare hats.

Please sign & return the consent form so that WAKOOS Staff can regularly re-apply sunscreen to all the children when playing outside. Children's skin can burn in as little as ten minutes.

Wakoos uses factor 50 with UVA and UVB filters

Reminders from Staff

Extra "Ad Hoc" Sessions

If you require any additional "ad hoc" sessions, by all means please call ahead of time and we will check whether we have sufficient resources available to accommodate your request.

If we are able to fulfil your request, we either need you to fill out an "Extra Session" request form OR email Office@Wakoos.co.uk to confirm.

Verbal messages may not be passed on and therefore could be forgotten.

After School Club - Absence

If your child is normally collected from School by WAKOOS Staff, **PLEASE** let us know before 3pm if they will not be attending ASC. This is to save our staff and children from waiting around while we look for missing children. Thank you!

Flannels

"Koala's" would like to trial run disposable flannels, provided by WAKOOS for all the children. Staff are finding that they already use a lot of disposable flannels as they do not take up space and can be thrown away at the end of the day, therefore are more hygienic.

If you still wish to send in your own flannel, please ensure it's labelled.

Toilet Training

If your child is being toilet trained, please bear in mind that they may need to remove their clothes quickly - Dungarees are a bit tricky!

Please provide several changes of suitable, named clothing to change into if necessary.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL CLOTHING, BED SHEETS AND WELLIES!

Some items have gone missing recently and it makes it difficult to trace them if they are not named. If you accidentally take someone else's articles home, please return as soon as possible.

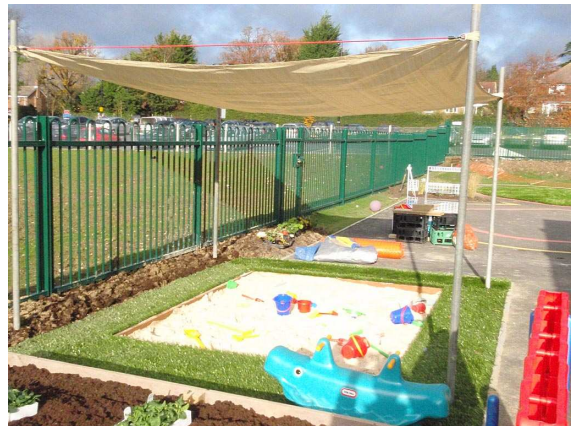
Thanks!



Garden Update

Get Dug in!

Parents may not have spotted under the protective canopies, but there are huge sandpits in both the baby and toddler gardens. The sandpits have been sunk into the ground so the children can safely crawl straight in and get dug in! What fun!!

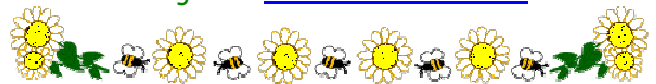


Strawberry-fest

The strawberries in the Toddler fruit garden are in full flower so it won't be long before the children will be able to help themselves to a juicy treat. Lots of fabulous fruit is forming on the apples, pears and currant bushes to munch right into the summer.

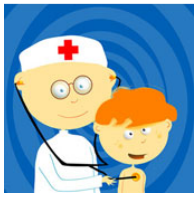
For more information on each phase in the Garden development, please visit the Garden page on the Website www.wakoos.co.uk/Garden or email Linda

Douglas at Garden@wakoos.co.uk



WANTED

Knitters wanted to knit items for story socks. Please speak to a member of Staff if you would like to help



Child Health

Each month we will cover a different topic concerning child health. This month we are focusing on:

Meningitis

Meningitis is an infection of the meninges, protective membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. Infection can cause the meninges to become inflamed and swell, which can damage the nerves and brain.

Symptoms

A number of early warning signs can often occur several hours before the other symptoms of meningitis. These early warning signs occur in cases of meningitis that are caused by the bacteria "neisseria meningitis", when the bacteria can also infect the blood, leading to symptoms of septicaemia and septic shock. (The combination of meningitis and septicaemia is known as meningococcal disease).

Be alert for the symptoms of fever and any of the following symptoms:

- the child complains of severe pain in their legs or hands,
- their hands and feet are unusually cold, and/or
- their skin becomes pale and their lips may appear blue.

The presence of fever and any other of the above symptoms should be taken **extremely seriously**.

Phone 999 and ask for an ambulance.

For more information about Child Health according to age group (babies, 1-5, 6-15), visit <http://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/Childhealth1-5/Pages/Childhealth15home.aspx>

Website

Much of the Website is now completed. Please log on to www.wakoos.co.uk for the latest updates on the Rooms, Garden, News and some useful Links.



All feedback is welcome!



If you have your own Business and would like us to add a link on our "Links" web page please email nova.bridle@wakoos.co.uk

Offers



New **25% Discount** to Parents and Staff who join the RAC between now and 30th June. Please contact Steve Bridle on 07966 602056, or e-mail Patrolman2056@aol.com for details (FSA Regulated)

Florida Villa for Rent



Thinking about visiting Disneyworld Florida? Fabulous detached 4 bedroom family villa for rent - sleeps up to 10, own pool, 8 minutes from the Magic Kingdom.

For more details, availability and photos visit:

<http://www.vrbo.com/172391> or email Nova Bridle

