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*Dear Parents and Carers, welcome...*

#### Staff Update



Congratulations to Amanda & Paul! Freya was born at 9:58a.m. on Tuesday 20th January and weighed 7lb 4oz's. We wish them all the very best in the coming months and years. We would like to welcome Chloé to Pennies. Chloé will be working in Ladybirds along with Lea and Amanda. While Natalie is on maternity leave (March to October) Lea will be acting room leader.

#### EYFS

Thank you to those of you that attended the Early Years Foundation Stage parent information evening. We were delighted with such a full attendance of parents. The feedback we received indicated that you found the evening, interesting, informative and enlightening. We made a video recording of the evening and are in the process of putting all the sections on to one DVD. For those of you that were unable to attend we would then like to offer you the chance to borrow the DVD for an evening to watch at your leisure.

#### 2009 Contact Forms - URGENT

Thank you so much to those of you that have returned these completed forms. Your child's room leader will be following up those of you that have yet to return them - please note it is an essential piece of paperwork that we need to keep updated.

#### Emergency Evacuation Drill

Twice a year, the whole nursery takes an organised walk down to the Grove Green Community Hall. This is a casual practice emergency evacuation which is practiced in the highly unlikely event that we would need to evacuate the nursery and where unable to return. An example would be a gas leak or fire damage that would render the building unsafe to return. I can assure all parents that all the correct procedures are in place in order to prevent the need for an emergency evacuation, but we like to be prepared as a precaution. We will be absent from the nursery from (approximately) 10:00 - 11:00 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Policy Documents

Just a reminder that our policy documents can be located in the hall cabinet and

are available for parents to view at any time. In addition, an illness and exclusion table detailing the recommended number of exclusion days is situated on the parent's notice board in the hall. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea either the evening before or on the morning they are due to come to nursery, you must keep them at home for 48 hours - COUNTING FROM THE LAST BOUT OF SICKNESS/DIARROHEA. We have a duty of care towards the well children within the nursery and our staff team.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and co-operation concerning this matter.

#### Pennies Parents Association (PPA)

The PPA has been in operation now for almost 3 years. The idea for the PPA came from the response gathered from a parent questionnaire distributed in May 2006. The PPA meets once every-other month in the nursery around 6:15 for up to an hour - depending on the amount on the agenda. Social parent gatherings (usually in the local pub!) take place during the month in-between the meetings. If you would like more information, please contact Charlotte, Susan or Tracey on email [ppahockers@hotmail.com](mailto:ppahockers@hotmail.com)

#### Pre School

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year early February so any contributions would be welcome. The children will be involved in lots of crafts and activities so look out for our colourful wall displays. Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Magnus & Edvard and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jessica & Alec!.

#### Ladybirds

Please NAME ALL clothing, shoes and wellies. Please encourage children to leave their toys at home - this helps to avoid arguments. 'Goodbye' to children moving into Pre-school and 'Hello' to the ones moving up.

#### Little Pennies

Hello to all our new children and goodbye to those moving up. Can all contact books be placed in the basket at the start of the day? Many thanks. Please can we remind parents to supply named hats, gloves and wellies. Can we also make sure coats etc are named?

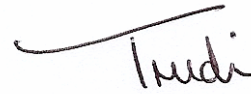
So that children don't have their shoes on all day please can they wear non slip socks to nursery. Thank you ☺

Baby room

Please can all children have a hat, gloves and coat for outdoor play.

Thank you for the lovely cards from children moving up to Little Pennies, we will miss them, but will sneak in for cuddles! Please take time to view your child's art work in the room and hall way.  
Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Millie & Thomas!

Kind regards.



Nursery Manager

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## PENNIES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is an informal group set up to:-

- Provide a means of feedback by Pennies' staff to parents / carers;
- Provide a means of input by parents / carers into the day to day management of Pennies (Hockers Lane);
- Be a point of contact with parent / carer representatives on PPA for other parents should they have ideas / concerns;
- Be a fundraising group with any funds being spent on specific activities / items for the children over and above those provided as part of the fees. It is not intended that these funds will cover anything reasonably expected by parents / carers as part of the fees;
- Be a social group for parents / carers with social activities being arranged throughout the year.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Association currently comprises:

Charlotte Chamberlain - Chair

Tracey Shelley – Treasurer

Susan Horton – Secretary

The Association meets approximately every four weeks with Trudi Mayes and Emma Pemble. These meetings are very informal and are used to discuss any ideas and / or concerns parents have raised with us, or any social events we are planning.

PPA always welcomes additional members, so should any parent / carer want to become involved, even if it is not every meeting, then please make yourself known to us. We will shortly be without a representative from the Baby room so would particularly welcome volunteers.

Please contact us on ppahockers@hotmail.com if you need any more information or if you have anything you would like to feedback to the PPA or Pennies' Management.