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Term 3 2014/15 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

The staff team would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts they received for Christmas – Thank you.

We have had two new children joining us this term and we would like to say a big hello to Holly and Bella.

New staff member

We are pleased to announce that our new staff member joined us today. Mrs Zoe Smith is currently studying to gain her level 3 qualification and joins us on a temporary contract until July. We are delighted to have her join our team.

Parents meetings

Your child's key person should have contacted you to arrange a parent meeting. We are able to organise meetings during the day or evenings to suit parent's needs. Please indicate to your child's key person what you would prefer.

Parking

Can we please remind parents/grandparents and carers of the safety reasons for the yellow zig zag lines immediately outside the school. The lines are a no parking zone to ensure there is an unobscured view for pedestrians entering or leaving the school. If there are other adults who drop off or collect your children, could you please pass on the importance of keeping this area clear.

Snow closures - Reminder

In the past few years we have experienced significant snow fall during the winter months, which unfortunately meant that on a couple of occasions the school and pre-school were unable to open. As always, the safety of the children, parents and staff is a priority when making the decision to close. If the pre-school/school is closed due to snow, we will endeavour to make contact with everyone in the unit via email. In the event of snowfall please check your email before venturing out, thank you. Peach Tree closure information will be placed on the Heart FM website www.heartoxfordshire.co.uk School closure information will also be on Oxfordshire County Council website.

People who help us!

We have a lot of current play interest in Police/Firefighters and people who help us. We have been delighted to have been joined by a parent Post Lady (Thank you Sarah Boss). We would be hugely grateful for any visitors who would like to come in and talk to the children about their job role. If you have any firefighters, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists etc. in your family or circle of friends, who would like to come and visit the children and spend a short time with them, please let us know.

Call for recycled materials

We are running low on boxes and tubes for our modelling area and would be grateful for any donations. Cereal boxes, spread cartons, washed yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes etc would be great. We are unable to use egg boxes (due to allergies) and toilet rolls (for obvious reasons!!).

Old lunch boxes

We are hoping to create some portable writing boxes (small carry tins with paper and pencils inside) to be used by individuals to encourage writing in their play. If anyone has an old lunch box (hard type with clip fastening) that they no longer have a use for, we would be glad to put it to good use.

Pre-school Fees

If you have any queries or questions regarding fees or payments, please contact the administrative assistant, Mrs Short, who can be contacted through the pre-school or shorties@btinternet.com
Please see/contact Karen Locke with regards to sessions and admissions.

Parent Help Rota

As always the parent help rota is up on the notice board for any parent wishing to come and spend a session (or more) with us at the pre-school. We are always very grateful for your help and it's a great way to gain an insight of how your child learns through play at Peachtree. You are welcome to come and join our play, if you feel you would like to do an activity, share a skill, talent, job role or experience etc. or read a story at group time, please let a member of the team know.

Nut Allergy

We have several children at the pre-school with a nut allergy.

We must therefore stress that children's lunch boxes must not contain nuts or any products containing nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep Peach Tree a nut free environment.

Thank you for your continuing support

The Foundation Unit Team

**Reminder – This term ends on Friday 13th February.
We return on Monday 23rd February.**