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SUMMER NEWS LETTER JULY/ AUGUST 2015

Dear Parents,

Staff: Appointments / Changes to staff team

As you would have no doubt noticed that there has been a significant change in our staff team over the last few months, this has been entirely due to the continued success of the setting. After a very rigorous and arduous selection process I have appointed several new members of staff that I am confident will continue the tradition of high quality care that we at Ferndale Road Day Nursery have become synonymous with.

Summer Outings:

For the main unit children, we will shortly be starting our Summer Program. As a treat for the children during the Months of July and August, the Nursery will be

going on a series of visits to places of interest. A small group of children will go on each visit and parents will be notified when their child is going.

There will be no charge to parents for any of these trips. A suitable packed lunch will also be provided for the children.

As most parents are aware, the Nursery has its own fully equipped mini bus for the purpose, and a risk assessment is undertaken before each visit to ensure that the children's safety will never be compromised.

The following visits have been scheduled:

- Tilgate Park
- Brighton- seaside
- Fruit picking
- God stone farm
- Kew gardens
- Hasting seaside
- Box Hill
- Teddy Bears picnicking in Richmond Park
- Natural History Museum

These are just a few of the places that the children will visit during our Summer Program.

Further information will be provided to parents nearer the time.

Transitions:

As some parents are undoubtedly aware, some of our children will be leaving our nursery to start a new journey into primary school education. As part of our Transition preparation, the staff have been providing the children with a number of different activities centred around their transitioning to their new school.

During circle time we have read them different stories about making new friends and starting 'big school'. We have also had group activities regarding transition, children have also seen a number of different images of their new schools and their teachers.

It has been a joy teaching and watching the children grow throughout their time with us. As a staff team we would like to take this opportunity to wish the children all the very best on their new adventure.

Leaver's Party:

We will also be having a leavers party on Saturday 18th July from 10am to 2pm for all the children transitioning to new schools. We hope to make the occasion memorable and lots of fun for all the those attending.

Summer Party:

Our ever-popular end of summer annual party has been scheduled for Friday 21st August. We have arranged to have an entertainer for the children's and adult's amusement.

The party will start at 4:00 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm, food and refreshment will be available for all.

Parents are reminded that from 6:30 pm nursery staff will not be responsible for your child, and therefore all children must either be supervised by parents or collected on time.

Fees:

We are mindful that in these bleak economic times any fee increase is likely to be unpopular among parents. Therefore, we are pleased to inform parents & Carers ***that there will be no annual fee increase this September.*** We will endeavour to continue to make every effort to contain cost.

Unless there are any unforeseen circumstances, we expect these fees to remain unchanged until September 2016.

I hope that the forecast heat wave finally arrives next week for the start of our Summer Program, and that an enjoyable summer will be had by all.

With the kindest of regards,

Samantha Penn
(Nursery Manager.)