

# Singleton Day Nursery Winter Newsletter

## 2016

### Welcome

We would like to welcome all new children and their families who have joined us this term. We are delighted to be a part of your child's growth and development and look forward to lots of fun times.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Play scheme

19th to 30th December

#### Christmas dinner day

22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### Visit from Santa

21<sup>st</sup> December

#### Closing dates over Christmas and New Year

From 4.00pm 23<sup>rd</sup> December

26<sup>th</sup> December closed all day

27<sup>th</sup> December closed all day

28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> December open as normal

2<sup>nd</sup> January closed all day

3<sup>rd</sup> January onwards open as normal

### Staff news

Jade and Rebecca are both expecting babies in 2017. Jade will be going off mid-December. Sian will be covering Jade's maternity leave as manager from this time. Congratulations to Sian on getting the role, you are going to be brilliant! Rebecca will be going off in February 2017, to have her little girl who is due to arrive in February, good luck Rebecca!

We have had a few new staff members join us over the last few months, we would like to welcome Rachel who is a school runners and play-scheme staff. We also have had Nicole join us as our apprentice in the under 2's section, the lovely Karen joining Angela in the kitchen to help out with all the cooking and Hannah joining the toddler section.

Welcome to the team ladies!

There will be a few changes to the children's keyworkers in some sections due to Sian being in the office and Rebecca leaving in February and Hannah joining us, but this will be discussed with you by your child's key worker when we have more information.

### Babies

We would like to welcome all the new children who have recently joined us and wish lots of luck to those who have left us to join the Tweenies.

The babies enjoyed our walk down to Brynmill Park to feed the ducks and to explore the outdoors.

We are looking forward to the Christmas season approaching and all the fun activities and lovely things to make with the babies.

Danielle will be taking over as supervisor for the under 2s covering the baby section while Sian is in the office covering Jade.

### Tweenies

We would like to welcome all the new children who have recently joined us and wish lots of luck to those who have left us to join the Toddlers.

The tweenies have enjoyed making cakes, masks and badges to celebrate children in need raising £56.00, thank you to everyone for your donations.

We have welcomed lots of new tweenies who have made lots of new friends.

We have lots planned over the Christmas period making cards and getting creative making different Christmas crafts.

## Singleton's famous chocolate and orange sponge and custard

This is a big favourite with all of our children, why not try it at home.....

### Ingredients for cake

6oz self raising flour  
2oz cocoa powder  
8oz margarine  
4 eggs  
6oz sugar  
2 oranges  
3 tbsp. sugar

### Ingredients for custard

1 cup of milk  
½ cup of cream  
2 egg yolks  
1 tsp cornflour  
½ vanilla pod

### Method for cake

Preheat oven to 170°C, mix all ingredients, except oranges and 3 tbsp. sugar, together in a bowl. Place in a cake tin in the oven for 20-25 minutes. Whilst cake is baking, squeeze the juice from the oranges and add the sugar to a saucepan. Let this simmer until it forms a syrup. Once the cake is baked, prick the top with several holes and pour the syrup into the cake.

### Method for custard

Add milk & cream to a saucepan. Split the vanilla bean in half lengthways and scrape out the seeds. Add to saucepan along with the bean. Bring milk mixture to almost boiling in a separate bowl, whisk eggs and corn flour to combine while whisking, slowly add milk mixture to the eggs. Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook on low heat while continuously stirring until the custard thickens. Once ready it should coat the back of the spoon.

## Toddlers

We would like to welcome all the new children who have recently joined us and wish lots of luck to those who have left us to join Pre-School.

The toddlers have been very busy over the last few weeks learning about the world, different countries and cultures, we have done this through a range of musical and creative activities as well as a range of food tasting activities.

We will now be looking at colder countries such as Iceland and the North Pole and of course preparing for Christmas where the children will have lots of fun learning about the meaning of Christmas and having lots of fun making decorations and cards.

## Preschool

We would like to welcome all the new children who have recently joined us and wish lots of luck to those who have joined part time school or left us to start full time school.

This term topic is fairy tales we have been doing lots of imaginative play re-enacting the fairy tales we have read about.

We have used our imagination and created our own fairy tales and shared them with each other.

The children have been learning about shapes using flash cards and shape sorters.

The children have also enjoyed making models out of recyclable materials we have made dragon, and houses from the three little pigs.

## Play scheme

We would like to welcome all the new children who have joined play scheme, old and new!

We have enjoyed making leaf wreaths, Halloween decorations and finished off the week with a spooktacular party.

During the Christmas play scheme holiday the children will be getting Christmassy by watching Christmas films making tree decorations and creating calendars for the New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the holidays.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.

## Thank you

We would like to thank all of our parents for your continuing support throughout the year.

From all the children and staff at Singleton day nursery, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

