



# Newsletter

THE ACADEMY  
CHILD CARE & PARTY ZONE

## January 2012

### Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and custom over the years – here's to a great 2012!

#### Focus On....

In every newsletter we like to focus on one particular activity at The Academy Childcare and Party Zone.



This month is **ROLE PLAY**.....

Providing role play opportunities is essential to encourage all areas of a child's development.

Role play mainly focuses on a child's creative development through the child being able to create situations using their imagination and it also helps with personal, social and emotional development as the child is able to express their feelings and extend their self-esteem. They are also able to re-create their daily routine which enhances their knowledge of self-care and hygiene.

Role play also links to other areas of development such as knowledge and understanding of the world, communication and language, problem solving and reasoning, and also physical development.

Here at The Academy we provide a variety of role play resources and equipment such as: home corners, dolls and their clothes, empathy dolls and also dressing up clothes from all different cultures and religions. These things allow the children to gain an understanding of our diverse society.

But..... most of all it's **FUN!!!!**

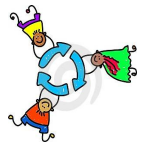
#### Recycle!

We are constantly striving to improve our resources and in 2012 we would like to expand our heuristic play provision. Heuristic play is all about providing natural or everyday objects for the children to play with, babies in particular benefit greatly from this type of play.

Many of the things needed for heuristic play can be found around the house and they are things that you may simply throw away. We would love to help you recycle these things!

Suitable items include:

Cotton reels	Short lengths of chain
Large pebbles	Old keys
Shells	Curtain rings
Metal containers	Wooden spoons
Nail brushes	Metal whisks
Make up brushes	Old CD's
Fir cones	Good quality tins/containers
Ribbons	Baskets



#### Parents Evening

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all parents/carers that attended! Parents Evening is an important event as it gives us the opportunity to discuss your child's development with you. It also gives you chance to look through their Learning Journeys and see how well they are getting on and discuss any concerns you may have.

#### Polite Reminder

Please ensure you are dropping off and collecting your child/children at the correct time. We have strict OFSTED ratios we have to adhere to. Early drop off/late pick up will incur a £5/15 minute charge.

## And more.....

### Pre-School Routine

8.45	Open!
8.45 - 10.00	Focused activity/playtime
10.00-10.30	Story and singing time
10.30-10.45	Snack time
10.45-11.30	Outdoor play/playtime
11.30-12.30	Lunch time
12.30-14.00	Playtime/sleep time
14.00-14.15	Snack time
14.15-16.30	Playtime/outdoor play
16.30	Crèche closes

### Baby Routine

8.45	Open!
8.45-11.30	Focused activity/playtime
9.45-10.00	Story and singing time
10.00-10.30	Snack time
10.30-11.00	Outdoor play/playtime
11.30-13.00	Lunch time
13.00-14.00	Playtime
14.00-14.30	Snack time
14.30-16.30	Playtime/outdoor play
16.30	Crèche closes

Sleeps and milk feeds as and when required.

### Staff News

We are pleased to announce that Sarah will be returning to work on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, after the birth of her daughter, Mollie Mae.

Looking forward to seeing you back Sarah!

### Fees

Please be aware that we have had a small price increase, effective since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. New price lists are displayed within the setting and they are available for you to take home. They are situated in the information holder outside of the Crèche door.

### February Half Term

Don't forget our holiday activity timetable, which will be out shortly, for all 4 – 11 year olds. These will be bookable at reception or through us - 8 days in advance.

Don't forget fun time in  
The pool – All Year Round!

For more information on The Academy Tank Gang Swimming Scheme please contact Jane Garrett at [jgarrett@theacademy.co.uk](mailto:jgarrett@theacademy.co.uk)

### If Your Child is Poorly...

Please make sure you notify us of any absences and please ensure you do not bring your child into the setting if they are unwell - Especially if they are not well enough to attend any other settings they may go to e.g. nursery or school.

Thank you

