

La Maternelle St apeley New slet t er

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What's been happening?

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We now have a new pool table. Following a pool competition before Christmas the children have not stopped practising their skills! One of the children suggested we try to find a pool table which had 'proper cushions' so that the ball rebounds off the side of the table like it does when you see it on the TV'. We therefore set about finding a table and sure enough - we found one! The table was set up at the end of January and the children have not stopped practising and watching the matches. We have even created a set of club pool rules which the children agreed themselves!

February half term was packed full of fun. Thank you to all the children who contributed to such a great week! We enjoyed badge making, a games day and we even made mud pies! The next holiday programme (Easter) is available now. There is a copy of the programme next to the register in the club.

Club Council Update

The club council has been extremely busy this term. They decided this term their first task would be to purchase some new equipment for the club. They are given £25 per month for new equipment and so decided to save until December 2009 until they had £100. They then shopped till they dropped! We brought in several catalogues for the children to choose new equipment from. Items purchased include Operation, new role play sets, new playstation and Nintendo games, stationary for craft activities, dinosaur & animal figures and more sports equipment for outside!

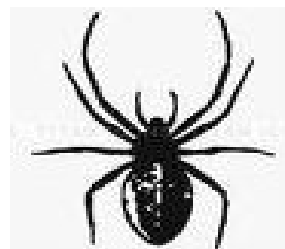
The head boy of the children's council Sam Taylor, also announced a new competition. He read out at tea time several tricky questions about wildlife and nature. Some of the questions are listed below.

What is the biggest animal in the world? What is the deadliest spider in the world?

What is the fastest animal in the world? Which lizard uses poisonous saliva as a weapon?

Which fish was 'Nemo' in the film 'Finding Nemo'?

Once Sam had read out the questions out the children then went home and found out the answers by looking at books, the internet and some even found out by asking Mums & Dads! The competition is still running but we will announce the winners in our next edition.



New Routine

After the Easter holidays the after school the children will be able to relax when they come into the club and enjoy a drink and some fruit. They will then be able to choose to play outside or stay inside from 3.45pm—4.15pm. Tea time will remain at 4.40pm/4.50pm followed by free play outside on the field/playground. At this time the register will be outside for you to sign your child(ren) out of the club.

Role Play

Our role play corner before Christmas was Pizza Hut! We had lots of fun cooking our bases and then choosing our toppings — the children could either enjoy pizza in our restaurant or have it in a pizza hut box to take away!



Our last role play area was the La Maternelle supermarket. We filled up our shopping trolley and baskets and also practised being on the till and scanning the items. After lots of shopping we then relaxed in our cafe with drink and a snack!

Invoices/Payments

We invoice for permanent sessions in advance. For example your November invoice will be for all your permanent sessions in November. Casual sessions can also be reserved subject to availability. These sessions up to and including the 25th of the month will be invoiced the following month. Therefore, any casual sessions reserved in November up to and including the 25th will be invoiced in December, any after the 25th will be invoiced in January.

Please note that all invoices should be paid during the first week of the month and late charges will apply if invoices are not paid for during the month for which they are issued. We hope you understand our reasons for this.

Thank you

Reminders!

Please can we remind all parents to ensure children do not bring their own toys/games to club. Also, could we ask that children finish any food before coming into breakfast club. Thank you!

Also, if your child is not coming to the club please could you ring or text the club mobile phone to let us know. This saves us time at the end of the school day looking for children. Another reminder, if your child has symptoms of sickness and diahorrea our policy is that they stay at home for 48 hours.

Our Nursery & Pre School

Our nursery and pre school is situated at Wistaston Church Lane Primary School. We are delighted to announce we have been given planning permission to extend our provision to care for babies & toddlers. From May we care for children from the age of 0 – 4 years. Parents have a choice of sessional care (2 1/2 hours each morning/afternoon), full day care (8am—6pm) or school day care (9.00am-3.00pm) The setting was awarded outstanding in all areas of care and education by OFSTED and also achieved 2nd place in Nursery Setting of the Year.

All parents are welcome to visit the setting and will receive complimentary enrolment for any child enrolled with us at this facility. If you would like to read our inspection report for this setting please log on to www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Our New Starters for September 2010

We would like to remind parents who have younger brothers or sisters starting school in September who would like to attend La Maternelle to enroll with us as soon as possible. Forms are available in the club — please see a member of staff for details.

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