



# Snapdragons nursery

## News

March - April 2010

### Dates for your diary

Concept Photography will be in from 09:30 - 12:00 on Wednesday 31st March. Book your appointments now if you are not in on these days!

The Easter holidays will be running from Friday 2nd April through to Friday 16th April. Please remember that there are bank holidays on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th April so the nursery will be open 09:00 - 15:00 on these days.

Please let us know if your child will not be in on either of these days.



Our Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 22nd April from 18:30 - 20:00 so it will be great to see many of the new parents.

### Birthdays

#### March

Joshua, Jamie & Jessica (2)  
Finley, Marianne & Evie (3)

#### April

Bethan & Isabel (3)  
Jack (8)  
Daisy (8)



The children have been looking at Chinese New Year during February and they had a great time taking part in many different activities and tasting different foods.

They were served vegetable spring rolls during the week and also got a chance to make some chicken and vegetable noodles which was great as they got the opportunity to try different world foods!

Their Chinese-themed activities included making dragons and masks and red and black themed artistic creations to put up on display!



Chinese New Year was not the only celebration though. During that same week the children also got to eat some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and enjoyed adding

their own fillings to them along the way!

Our next festival will be the festival of 'Holi', celebrating colour and the start of Spring. We will be looking at this from March but you can view more about our annual festival calendar on our website under the 'festival' section.



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## Dear Parents



Welcome to everyone who has joined us recently! We've had a busy couple of months settling into our new building and we hope that you are all finding it as

lovely as we are!

It has been wonderful meeting all the new children and we are glad that you have chosen Snapdragons for your early years!

## \*\*\* This months comings and goings \*\*\*

We have been taking part in some trial sessions of Sportzcoach recently as they visited us on a couple of Friday mornings with the aim of developing the physical skills of the Pre-School children. They have all really loved the sessions and it is also helping to build on their confidence so it would be great if we could continue doing this permanently on a Friday morning. If you are interested then please see Karen for more details.

We would also like to start Music with Mummies which is a group for the babies. The lady who hosts the group does lots of singing with the children but also includes props such as musical instruments and material. This will be held on a Wednesday morning and will cost £2.50 a session. To sign up for this please see Nicola for more details.

Concept Photography will be coming in on the 31st March from 09:30 - 12:00 and they will be taking some beautiful and natural portrait shots of your children. Permission slips will be with you shortly if you would like to take part. You are under no obligation to purchase any photos taken so we would urge everyone to get them done - even if it is just to see how they turn out! If your child is not

in on this day and you like them to take part then please let Lindsay or Nicola know so that we can book a time for you to come in.

Sainsburys have started handing out their Active Kids vouchers again and we are collecting them now. We would appreciate as many as you can get your hands on as they can all be spent on sports and activity equipment for the nursery so if you are shopping in Sainsburys then remember to claim your vouchers!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Emma who has started with us full-time in the Baby Room and also to Carol who will be working with Lindsay in the office. Also, congratulations to Karen who has completed her NVQ4.



feedback!

We recently sent out questionnaires to the After School children and got some interesting but fantastic responses back from all the children who took part so thank you very much for the

There have been some recent updates to our policy folder so please take a look at the pack by the nursery entrance.

## Big Steps



During our Big Steps session we have a circle time together where we can look at days of the week and months of the year. We also share stories at this time.

We have been using the letters and sound national strategy and if you would like to see this then please ask Karen.

There is also a maths activity each week as well as a table top game to encourage sharing and turn-taking. The children have adapted well to these sessions and seem to be really enjoying them!

