



# *Dizzy Ducks Day Nurseries*

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**Dear Sian,**

The New Year has got off to a great start at nursery with staff busy planning for a fun-filled year ahead! See the "Dates for Diary section below.

A massive thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the bad weather earlier in the month. The nursery Management Team see it as top priority to open the nursery as usual and will make every effort to do so. I

thank my staff who battled the journey to work during the snow, leaving as early as 5am in some cases to get here on time! Thanks for your dedication to the children!

This is my last e-newsletter as Acting Manager as Michelle Bilby returns to work full time on March 1st as her maternity leave comes to an end. We look forward to having Michelle back in the role of Nursery Manager and hope that Baby Charlotte settles well in the baby room! I will be staying at Dizzy Ducks, taking on the role of Deputy Manager and working in Baby Room 4.

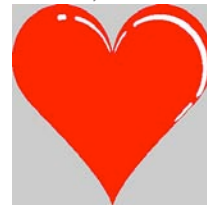
Have a great February!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Buckley

## Dizzy Ducks Children's Valentines Ball

Last year we held a Valentines Ball at Stockbrook Manor for Parents, Staff and Friends. This year we have decided to hold a similar event.....only in the nursery during the day for the children! Valentines Day always has a distinct party feel to it at nursery and we are planning a Valentines Disco afternoon for the children. In the run up to the big day, the children will be making tickets and practising their dance moves! Look out for posters around the nursery reminding you!



## Staff News

Michelle returns from Maternity Leave on March 1st to her role as Nursery Manager. During February she will be in nursery on certain days, so do pop in and say hello! For those of you who havent met her previously, Michelle has over 13 years experience in the Early Years sector and has been with Dizzy Ducks since we opened our first nursery five years ago. She is passionate about excellence in childcare and is committed to offering children the best start in life. Michelle was key to our last OFSTED inspection where we got "Outstanding" in every area. We are really pleased that she is returning to work.



We welcome Marie Taylor who has transferred from our Perry Street Nursery. Marie has worked her way up from unqualified to fully Level 3 qualified in just under 18 months which is a huge achievement. Her excellence has been recognised by her training provider who has awarded her an "Outstanding Learner" prize in their end of year prizegiving. We are really pleased that Maries achievements have been recognised.

Sam has been busy attending courses to complement her Special Educational Needs Qualification. Many of the courses are sensory based and relevant to

everyday nursery life. All courses that all staff attend are fed back to the rest of the staff at regular staff meetings.

Lastly, for those of you who havent noticed her growing tummy(!) Sian is expecting her third baby, due first week of July.

## *Afternoon Sessions*

We have a couple of spare afternoon sessions in preschool. Please make sure that you are making the most of your government funding and if you are not currently accessing your full entitlement, speak to the office staff to find out what sessions we have available!



## *Hats for Haiti Fundraiser*

Thank you for supporting our "Hats for Haiti" fundraising day! We had allsorts of hats paraded around the nursery including cowboys, firemen, spacemen, graduation, bandanas, sunhats, bobblehats and wizard hats! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Haiti Disasters Emergency Committee on this day. All monies were forwarded immediately.



## *Dates for the Diary!*

February 14th - Valentines Party Day  
March 4th - Parents evening - booking slips will be available soon!  
March 8th - Creative Camera Photo Day  
March 17th - St Patricks Day - days events to be arranged  
April 1st - Easter Egg Hunt and Party - all parents welcome!  
April 23rd - St Georges Day  
April 24th - Open Day - further details to follow



## *Preschool Reading Book Scheme*

Please remember that these books are loaned on a weekly basis for you to enjoy at home with your child. They need to come back to us quickly as we have a limited supply.






## Thank you!

A Thank you from Debbie, our Nursery Administrator for all those parents who altered their standing order schedules ensuring that nursery remittances reached our account by 1st month avoiding late payment charges. We really appreciate it! Remember that our PDQ Chip and Pin Machines are now working and we can accept payment over the telephone or in person.



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