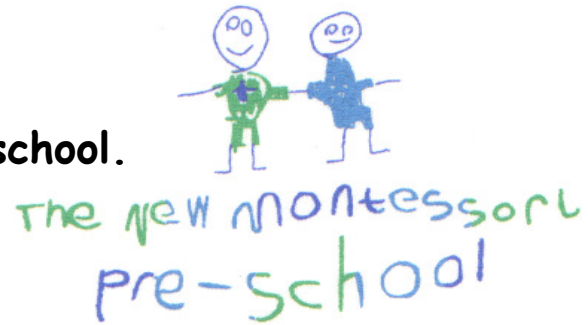


**School contact number**

**01903 535412**

**Please remember you can text us!**

**Ask for our mobile numbers at the school.**



## February 2010

### Our pre-school features in this week's Worthing Herald - 18/02/10

Look out for the feature which celebrates our 10<sup>th</sup> year. A Worthing Herald reporter and photographer came and spent an hour here last week and staff and parents were happy to report to them about our mission! We trust that this article will embrace the Montessori Method and truly reflect our nurturing, multi-sensory and interactive environment that gives the perfect setting for learning.

### Staff News

Flick Rush, our Chapel Classroom Manager, is hoping to move on to working within a primary school and is actively seeking employment in this sector. Flick first came to us when she was just 15 years old as a Davison's student and we instantly recognised her potential. Flick has served our pre-school exceptionally for 8 years and will naturally be very missed by all. We wish her every success in the future. She will certainly be staying with us until the end of the Spring Term and will be coming in during the Summer Term to assist with this, the busiest of terms.

Jackie Buss, Hall Classroom Assistant, too is moving on. Jackie commutes from Brighton everyday and is studying hard for her degree in Psychology. Jackie intends to work full time in a nannying capacity and we warmly wish her every success in this field. Jackie's official last day with us is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March although she will be still occasionally called for bank staffing.

One of our staff team is expecting!! Can you guess who? Another Montessorian child is to be born in late July! We will be employing a staff member to cover her maternity leave.

We will be advertising these positions in this week's Worthing Herald. These adverts will also appear on a Montessori job posting website and on Gumtree.



### **Summer Term / April -July confirmation of sessions**

You will shortly be receiving a form showing your child's provisional registered sessions for the Summer Term. It is important to return the bottom part of this form promptly to confirm and secure these sessions so that we can begin to prepare our staffing and financial forecasts. Please be very sure of the sessions that you confirm as changes/withdrawals during the term are still chargeable.

We have had to update our Terms and Conditions and if you have not already understood, signed and returned this to us you will be receiving it shortly. A copy will then be made for your retention.

### **Go Rita! Go Ella!**

Rita Offen, our Chairperson and Ella Farrow, Classroom Assistant, are raising money for the New Montessori Pre-school by taking part in the Sussex Beacon Half Marathon. The marathon 13.1 miles begins and finishes at Maderia Drive, Brighton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Both Rita and Ella have been training hard over the past few months and we are very grateful for the monies that will be raised to purchase equipment for our pre-school. Please, if you are able and if you haven't already, show your support by sponsoring them! There is a link to their fundraising site on our Facebook page, take a look.

### **Our outside notice board**

It is always worth noting any new additions that go up in our notice board as it does get changed frequently. Our most recent newsletter, term dates and other pre-school information is always on view and quite often we are asked by parents to put short term notices up. We received posters and flyers from an organisation called 'Eaga Insulation' promoting free Home Insulation for qualifying families and also a poster from the NHS with details if you are pregnant of your choices in maternity care. We do too have a huge range of flyers/etc within our Chapel Class foyer that may well be of interest to you.

### **Progress Visits**

These have been in operation this week, 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February and have been very positive. If you were unable to book a progress visit during this week, do please speak to your Classroom Manager who will be happy to make an appointment with you to discuss your child's development. For our recent entrants into pre-school life there will, of course, be the opportunity to discuss how they are settling in after an initial period of assessment.



### **FUN-d-RAISIN-g News**

Your child will shortly be coming home with a small box of particularly tasty raisins. The idea is that your child will consume the contents and kindly refill the box with any spare change you may have and return it to us by the end of term. In recent years we have given out tubes of Smarties but as we do try hard to promote healthy eating it was agreed we would go for a healthier alternative.

### **Fees**

Thank you to all the prompt payments received so far this term. Melinda will be sending out, after half term week, reminders for payments due.

### **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

Fundraising Meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30 - The Hall Class

Management Committee Meeting - TBA - look out for dates on the notice board.

Remember new members are always welcome!

