



Community-Minded Ltd.

"Inspiring our Community to Flourish and Grow"

October 2014 Newsletter

Old Moat Childcare

Children & Staff

First of all we would like to welcome all the new children in Bluebells, Buttercups, Snowdrops and Sunflowers. We are looking forward to having a great time with your child!

We are pleased to welcome Holly, our new childcare worker and Bejoy, our new administrator and we welcome back Yolande from her maternity leave!

We are immensely sorry that two lovely team members Samar and Amanda, have now left us. We wish them very good luck for their future!

Half Term Holidays

We would like to remind the parents/carers whose children attend Term Time Only that the half term holidays are from Monday 27th 2014 until Friday 31st October. They will return on Monday 3rd November. This includes most parents/carers receiving 15 hours free early entitlement for their children.

Holiday Care

From 27th October to Friday 31st October, we will be running holiday care services. The price is £37 per day from 8am until 5pm. School dinner will be offered. We have limited places so, please book early by calling us on 0161 434 9225 or 0797 751 6998 or email us on oldmoatchildcare@gmail.com

Medicine

May we remind parents/carers that we **can** give children medication such as calpol, antibiotics, inhalers and cream, however a form needs to be completed

and signed by parents/carers. Please remember to update staff regularly about your child's medication.

N.B. Any medication **must** be given to staff and **not** left in your child's bag.

Health & Safety

We would like to remind parents **not to park in the delivery bay between 8:45 am & 3:30 pm**. If you have any further queries, please contact the admin staff in Community Hub office.

Safeguarding

There have been few incidents at Old Moat School so we are asking parents/carers to be vigilant. Old Moat School sent a letter to all their parents and you should receive a copy. Please be aware that aggressive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated either in the school, its grounds or in the Community Hub.

Employee Award



The management have decided to nominate **Annabelle**, the '**Employee of Summer 2014**' for her hard work, support and enthusiasm. Well Done

Annabelle!!! 😊

The nominations are open for this term. If you wish to vote please ask at the office for a nomination form. Voting will end on 17th November 2014.

Qualifications

We would like to congratulate the following staff for their commitment and hard work in completing the following: Isabelle - Masters in Childcare Studies & Practices, Rita - Level 3 in Childcare, Tavga - Level 2 in Childcare, Anum - Level 2 in Business & Administration and finally Emma for Intermediate Level in Cleaning & Support Services. Well done

to everyone!!  

Our ethos is to support our staff to improve their skills and further their education. Below is the list of staff who are studying with our support: Isabelle – Business accelerated growth at Oxford University; Jodie – Level 2 in Team Leading; Anum – Foundation Degree in Business & Management; Paula, Dyurie and Tavga – Level 3 in Childcare; Emma and Farhiya – Level 2 in Childcare; Keely – Intermediate Level in Cleaning & Support Services.

We also provide support to some of our volunteers who are studying toward a childcare qualification.

Change of Weather

May we remind all parents/carers to bring in, and leave on their child's peg, named hats, gloves, scarves, raincoats and wellies for the cold season?

Daycare

If you have any spare clothes you do not need would you please bring them in for our childcare children?

The staff are setting up a family book for each child in Bluebells and Buttercups rooms so we would like to ask parents/carers to bring in some photographs of people who are special to your child for their book please.

Out-of- School Club

Our OOS club needs some resources for different activities that they are hoping to do e.g. odd socks to make puppets, newspapers for papier mache and glass jars for decoration. If you have any spare at home could you please bring them in? Thanks!

Fees/Lateness

We would like to remind all parents that your fees should be paid in advance. If you are having any difficulty making your payments please speak to Isabelle as soon as possible to avoid going into debt. We would also like to remind you to collect your child on time – it does affect the ratios and there is a charge of £1 per 5 minutes late. If you would like to change any sessions or lunches please put it in writing or send an e-mail. Thank you for your continued co-operation!

Watch This Space!

We have recently invested in a computerised system of recording observations and children's information. We have been asking parents/carers to give us more information than we have got to enable us to complete the database and apologise for having to do this. We will continue this until we will have all the information on the system and you will be able to access the parent portal to see how your child is progressing.

Old Moat Learning Hub

Below are some courses being held at Old Moat Children's Centre:

Monday - "Food Hygiene Level 2", "Emergency First Aid at Work" and "Health & Safety", all one day courses

Tuesday - "OM Healthy Eating Cooking Group" and "Computers for Beginners with UK Online".

Wednesday - "Wild Life Project for over 50's" and "4 Steps Skills Programme".

Thursday "Work Club" and "National Careers Service".

Friday "ESOL for Beginners".