



# Newsletter

September 2013

*A healthy opening to education, open hearts and open minds at Chelsea Open Air Nursery*

Dear Parents and Carers,

With a new academic year upon us I would like to welcome all of the new children and families joining us this term and also welcome back children who are returning for a second year.

September is an exciting and busy time here at Chelsea Open Air; we are busy getting to know all of the children and settling everyone in to the nursery routine. The children will also be very busy, making new friends and getting to know their new nursery environment.

During the settling in week we have arranged a couple of coffee mornings for parents to meet each other. These will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9 to 11am in the Children's Centre.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating Walk to School Day! We encourage all families to leave the car at home, ditch the scooters, forget the buggies and Walk to School! This is a great way for you to introduce your child to the importance of a Healthy Lifestyle, and their bodies.

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up for our fruit rota, the signup sheet is on the internal notice board by the door. We ask that parents bring in small fruits and vegetables that the children can eat independently, such as satsumas, little bananas, carrot sticks, grapes and small apples.

Does your child scoot to nursery? All scooters or trikes must be left in the small entrance garden by the main front door. The nursery cannot take any responsibility for items left in this area; parents leave them here at their own risk.

We still have availability for extended day places, you can extend your child's day to include breakfast from 8-9am, attend the whole day from 9am to 3.30pm, or afterschool from 3.30pm to 5pm. Spaces are limited so we advise that you contact the school office if you are interested.

As your child extends to full days, either once a week or every day, they will enjoy tasty lunches from our seasonal menu, which has been awarded a Silver Award for being healthy and nutritious. The observant of you will have noticed we do not have a kitchen on site, our food is cooked and delivered from Christ Church Primary School, we have a long standing relationship with Christ Church and we work closely with the catering team to ensure your child's dietary needs are met. Please find attached a lunch menu and letter regarding lunch charges.

It may seem very early into the term, but our holiday club will be running over the October Half Term, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. We are now taking bookings for the club; the theme for the week will be 'Halloween half term'.

Are you interested in getting more involved? We will be hosting a parent forum introduction meeting in a few weeks, where you can meet members of the old forum and find out what being on the forum entails. It is a great way to get to know other parents and have a hands on approach to support your child's education. Please look out for posters with more information.

### **In other news...**

We are very excited to announce that Chelsea Open Air has been awarded the Fiona Trophy by the London Children's Flower Society, celebrating our garden and the flowers and vegetables that the children had fun planting and caring for last year, well done to them!!

### **Dates for your diary...**

#### **20<sup>th</sup> September: Walk to School Day!**

#### **24<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Tuesdays from 2-3pm)**

**Zumba for Children:** This is a Children's Centre activity that children who do not attend nursery on Tuesday afternoons can attend with their parents. There will be another dance group in the spring term for the children who cannot attend due to being at nursery on Tuesday afternoon. Please book your places in the office.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-3.30pm**

**Cake Decorating for Parents:** with a crèche for younger children not at nursery. Please book your places in the office.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-3pm**

**Play, Make and Say:** A group for parents run by the Speech and Language Therapist Team, a crèche is provided for younger children not at nursery. Please book your places in the office.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> October 10-11am**

**Top Tips for Talking:** A group for parents run by the Speech and Language Therapist Team, a crèche is provided for younger children not at nursery. Please book your places in the office.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December (Fridays from 9.30 to 11am):**

**Music and Story:** This is a Children's Centre activity that children who do not attend nursery on Friday Mornings can attend with their parents. There will be another dance group in the spring term for the children who cannot attend due to being at nursery on Friday Morning. Please book your places in the office.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am to 12pm**

**Dads Group:** All male carers welcome, no need to book, just come along!

#### **Every Sunday 1pm to 3pm:**

**FREE Swimming for Dads and Kids at Chelsea Sports Centre:** pick up your vouchers in the office

### **Say Hello...**

Finally I would like to welcome some new members to our team, Helen, Rebecca, Natalie and Anna. We are delighted to welcome them and wish them lots of happiness at COA.

Wishing you all a wonderful beginning to our new term,

Warm regards,

Julie and the COA Team ☺