

# MONTY'S NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term- September 2011

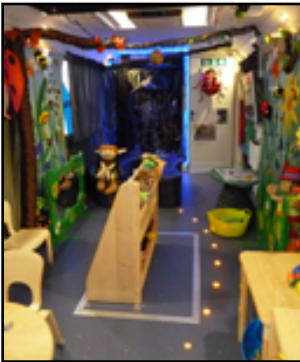


## THE KENT DISCOVER BUS



... is coming to visit us Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October!!!

The vehicle comes complete with two large LCD screens, recycling area, exercise bike, gym twister, environmental posters, woodland area, match-a-bug activity, nocturnal animal habitat, storytelling area, mini beast tabards, global awareness resources, growing and healthy eating activities, puzzles and games, art activities and badge making.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL



This term the children will be learning all about autumn and harvest. The staff will be planning appropriate; fun educational activities throughout the nursery, as well as supporting healthy eating.

Each room will be producing a Harvest display, if you have any vegetables, fruits or other items, or ideas you wish to contribute, please speak with the staff in your child's room.

Suzanne Green, our setting's SIP (Setting Improvement Partner) carried out an ITERS (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale) Assessment of our under two's provision at Monty's Daycare. This Audit allows early years settings to reflect upon the provision they provide for children, such as care routines, equipment, interaction, staff and parents to name a few. Each area is assessed and scored to the ITERS Scale.

As a district the average rating is 3.9; we are proud to inform you that Monty's Daycare scored 5.2, which is one of the highest scoring provisions in the area.

Suzanne has also praised the staff; the care and practice they provide for the children and parents at Monty's Daycare.

## ANDREA DEANS PHOTOGRAPHY

We will be organising a photograph session; using a Professional Photographer who is also a parent of one of the children. Andrea Deans has kindly prepared a photograph package at a very competitive rate that will make lovely gifts, Christmas cards or a beautiful snap shot of your child. Andrea would like to take two types of photograph, time permitting. One would be a portrait of your child in their regular attire; the other would be your child in a Santa outfit for a Christmas card image. The nursery staff will be responsible for helping the children change. We suggest the children come in their usual attire and bring an outfit you would like them to be photographed in; this will help keep their attire clean and tidy for the photo shoot. Andrea will be taking the photographs **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November & Wednesday 2nd November**. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs but I am sure you will agree that it is a lovely opportunity to have a professional photo of your child. We will send out Permission letters and further information about the photo shoots.

## STAFF UPDATES

\*We would like to welcome the new staff to Monty's, Kelly Kerrie & Grace,

\*We would like to welcome Nicola back from Maternity leave,

\*Kerry is embarking upon her NVQ3,

\*Emma is graduating from her Early Years Foundation degree in October.

\*Amy no longer works at Monty's. We would like to wish Amy the best of luck in the future.

Below is a table of your new staff teams for each room, the staff will inform you individually of your child's Key worker

NURSERY ROOM	KINDERGARTEN ROOM	PRE-SCHOOL ROOM
Lauryn Carly Genine Kerry Grace	Emily Sophie Kerrie Nicola	Alison Kelly Grace

At Monty's Daycare we value all parents' feedback, ideas and suggestions.

We will be providing parent comment's boxes in each room, to continue developing our partnership with parents to ensure we continue to meet high standards of care and learning opportunities for all children.