



## Parent/Carer Newsletter Summer 2012



Welcome to the late Summer edition of our Parent/Carer Newsletter! I cannot believe all the adventures we've enjoyed together since our last newsletter; I hope you enjoy reading about some of them...



**'Our beautiful planter – a gift to Little Angels from the Class of 2012!'**



### Little Cherubs moving on...

We have been thrilled to welcome our first 'graduates' from Little Cherubs who are already making new friends and settling beautifully to life with the bigger boys and girls. The transition programme has been expertly orchestrated by Sue and Chloe and as such the children are already very much part of the 'angel' family!

### 'Big and little angels having fun at our Leavers Party!'



By the time you read this newsletter, we will have said goodbye to most of our 23 leaving angels and their families and welcomed some new children into our setting. It has been a very emotional time, culminating in our fantastic leavers party at Fun Depot. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank once again everyone who joined us on the day, for the cards, letters and gifts you've sent and to all the parents/carers who contributed to the purchase of our wonderful fruit and vegetable planter, which has pride of place on the decked area at the entrance to Little Angels. The children have been busy planting already and we've just harvested our first crops! The planter will be a lasting reminder of all the fun times we shared as we've 'grown' and 'blossomed' together! We wish every 'angel' lots of success at school nursery or in their Reception classes. We will miss them very much xx

### Staffing – new additions and sad goodbyes...

Our staff team continues to grow and we are delighted to welcome some new team members...

**Laura** has been a volunteer both at Angels and Cherubs over recent months and has enjoyed herself so much that she's decided to retrain to become an Early Years Practitioner starting in September! Laura will spend most of her time enjoying the company of the Little Cherubs, with one day per week at Little Angels. **Sarah W** joined us several months ago as our Stretch 'n' Grow instructor and was so loved by the staff and children that we felt she would be a real asset to our team. She has subsequently been doing some extra hours over the summer and from September will be joining our staff on a one year contract prior to starting an PGCE Early Years course in Autumn 2013. It means that Stretch 'n' Grow will be offered as an 'in-house' programme and will no longer be charged for! We've welcomed **Mia** on placement with us for 6 months through the Access to Apprenticeship scheme and in the Autumn Term we will look forward to another cohort of students joining us from some of our local schools and colleges. We are firmly committed to providing training opportunities for young people and our settings have been enriched by our students **Becki** and **Coral** during the past few months. We said goodbye to **Jenny** and her puppet friend Tallulah in June and **Kerry** will be off on a new adventure of her own at the end of August! We eagerly anticipate the arrival of our first 'angel' baby (just in time for this year's Nativity!) and wish Kerry and Craig every happiness. We will be saying farewell to our much loved **Suey** in the coming weeks – please see attached letter for more information.

Congratulations to Sam Gregory and family on the birth of his little brother, Noah David. We can't wait to welcome Noah into our 'Angel' family in the coming months!



## Supermarket Vouchers

Thank you to all who donated vouchers this year. We've chosen to enhance our ICT provision by purchasing a Bee-bot – a programmable robot that looks like a bumble bee! He comes highly recommended and I'm sure the children will have great fun with him in the coming months...



Cherub 'graduates' settling in at Little Angels

## Welcome to Pre-school...

Following this year's success, Clare T will be once again co-ordinating our pre-school programme for the next group of children heading to 'big school' in September 2013. All pre-schoolers will have a session with Clare each week (either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning) working specifically on Phonics and Numeracy. The children (and parents/carers) will be getting termly homework and will be issued with book bags so that they can have a weekly visit to our pre-school 'library' which is situated in reception! The feeder primary schools have been very impressed with the wealth of information we have been able to provide them with as a result of our pre-school programme, especially in relation to Phonics – a key part of the EYFS curriculum.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all who supported Scarlett's endeavours to raise cash to purchase her first piano! She is now the proud owner of our first 'Angel' heirloom – she negotiated a very good deal with Chloe for her old piano; perhaps one of you might make Scarlett an offer in a few years time and keep the tradition going! Following on from this, a suggestion was put to Parent Forum that we should have a Items to Buy/Sell board up in our Parent Information Areas and as a result we will be launching this in September. There will be a nominal charge of £1/week to place a card on the boards; all proceeds will go to our designated charity, Winning Women Worldwide. Please see more info in Reception.



## LONDON 2012/QUEEN'S JUBILEE

We celebrated the Queen's jubilee in style with a coronation, street party, face painting and lots of flag waving! The children made their own flags and commemorative plates and the Little Cherubs got messy playing with red, white and blue spaghetti!



It was a real privilege to have a visit from Torch Bearer, Thora Beddard (aged 92) in the build up to the Olympics. The children and staff who met her were inspired and uplifted by her bubbly personality and zest for life. Thora thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's singing as she processed around our play room carrying the torch; she posed for lots of lovely souvenir photos which I'm sure will be treasured in years to come. It set the scene for our very own mini Olympics (which naturally were held over several days!) We had egg and spoon, shot put and other sporting contests and of course, the odd medal ceremony or two!



## Chillin' out at Angel Beach Resort!



**Future Plans...** We are actively seeking the financial means to refurbish our existing outdoor areas, both at Little Cherubs and Angels. We have already commissioned two companies to submit designs which have been discussed at our recent Parent Forum meeting and we look forward to starting the developments during the Autumn Term. There will inevitably be some disruption to our outdoor provision during the period of 'works' but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum. More information will follow in due course. Watch this (outdoor) space!!