

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have said goodbye to some of the 27 angels and their families who are leaving us to start school in September. It has already been a very emotional time and it was wonderful to see so many families at our party last Saturday at Fun Depot. We have 3 more angels heading to school nursery in September and we look forward to a special send off for them later in the summer.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the cards, letters, emails and gifts that we have received over the past few weeks. It makes my heart sing to read so many lovely messages which pay tribute to our amazing team! Our mission statement begins with the words, "Believe in children," and every person associated with our nursery does! We strive to live it out day by day by caring for, educating and loving each and every angel that we are blessed to have in our special 'family'. We wish them all lots of success at school nursery or in their Reception classes. We will miss them very much xx



## Parent/Carer Newsletter Summer 2013

Welcome to the Summer edition of our Parent/Carer Newsletter.

We are especially thrilled to welcome all our new families!



### Moving On...



### Staffing News

It's been celebrations all round as **Louise** received her BA (Hons) from Liverpool University on 12<sup>th</sup> July, **Sophie Mc** and **Chloe** have both finished their apprenticeships and **Laura** has completed her qualification at Ashton Sixth Form College! They have all worked really hard to gain their qualifications and we are very proud of them – congratulations!! **Natalie** is due to start her foundation degree in September – we wish her every success. We are delighted to have **Kerry** back from her maternity leave; both her and Joe are settling well into their new routine. **Lisa Mc** has been appointed as a Nursery Assistant and will be based primarily at Little Cherubs.



**Congratulations to Clare T and Sophie Mc who have been voted 'Practitioner of the Month' by their colleagues! Please use the new post box in reception to commend a member of staff, to offer a suggestion or to bring a concern to our attention.**

### New Arrivals!

Since our last newsletter Liam has become a big brother to Kai and Elisa has become a big sister to baby Aldo. Much love and congratulations to both families!



## POTTY TRAINING PARENT WORKSHOP

Thanks to all who attended – some parental feedback...

*"I was worried he wasn't showing any interest, but now I feel better listening to other parents experiences"*

*"I feel more confident now in recognising signs of 'readiness' and I understand some of the pitfalls of tackling potty training too early"*

*"It was good to have the opportunity to chat to the staff team about how they can support us when we start to potty train"*

*"The Information Sheet was really useful – I'm going to keep it for future reference"*

*"I know my child isn't ready yet so I'm going to relax and enjoy watching her develop in other ways!"*

*We have invested in some Potty Training books which are available to borrow for a few weeks as well as a helpful factsheet for parents/carers – both are available in reception at Little Angels.*



**FORTHCOMING PARENT WORKSHOP...**

**Rainforest Relaxation**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - more details to follow next term!**

### Future Plans...

The development of Little Cherubs outdoor space is well under way – we have recently installed an artificial lawn and last week took delivery of an all weather awning, which means that the little ones can access the outdoor environment come rain or shine! We are in talks with the landlord and planning department with regard to the extension of the main site; it all looks very favourable at present. We have plans to extend our service over three phases during the next five years – we are praying that the extension to the building will enable us to bring all of these to fruition in due course. Watch this space...!

It's been a bumper term at both settings with the arrival of our baby bunnies, Peter (Rabbit) and Bow (Bunny), and Goldie the fish, at Little Cherubs. The cherubs have enjoyed getting very messy with all manner of things from rice pudding to paint – the paddling pool has come in very handy for impromptu baths! We've had 'Wimbledon' at Little Angels, complete with strawberries and cream and our 'sports spectacular' which included traditional races such as egg and spoon and the sack race. The winning team received trophies and each participant was awarded a medal for taking part. We opened our very own beach hut which included a shop selling all manner of beach necessities and an ice cream parlour. Our children boarded 'Angel Airways' on a flight to a tropical destination; they made and issued tickets and boarding passes and the staff provided in-flight snacks and entertainment. A visit from the Fire Service had everyone buzzing with excitement; our staff took turns to wear the uniform which proved very entertaining for the angels! Wendy's puppet show was a great success enjoyed by all our children – special thanks to Wendy's family who were roped into preparing the props and compiling the 17 song soundtrack! Our garden has been in full bloom and our carrots, sunflowers and blackberries have provided our best crop to date.

