

## **KINTORE WAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Carers

We all love the Christmas festivities but, as always, there is a great deal of work to do in order to enjoy the fruits of our labours later. We have a couple of items of advice, an invitation or two and some very important dates for the diary.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish *Seasons Greetings* and a happy and safe New Year to all of our families and friends from the staff and governors at Kintore Way.

### **Housing**

#### **Need advice about your housing situation?**

Southwark Council Housing Options Services host a weekly housing surgery every Monday from 1pm-3.30pm at Kintore Way Children's Centre, Grange Road, SE1 3BW.

If you have a housing issue and need advice, why not drop in and see an advisor.

We may be able to help you with issues such as:

- ✓ Your waiting or transfer list application
- ✓ Bidding on Southwark Homesearch
- ✓ Mutual exchanges and other mobility schemes
- ✓ Renting privately and problems with your landlord
- ✓ Shared ownership or buying a home
- ✓ Keeping your home if you are worried you may lose it
- ✓ Moving to a bigger or smaller home

The service is FREE and confidential. Appointments are not necessary.

For further enquiries call us on **020 7525 4112**.

### **Toilet training**

When your child is ready to be toilet trained it is advisable to wear either pants or knickers as they will experience the wetness of passing urine, thereby prompting them to seek assistance from an adult. This also helps to develop communication skills. Pull-ups slow down this process as the child's experience is still one of warmth and comfort, similar to wearing a nappy. If you have any queries please speak to your keyworker. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Staff changes**

From January Sarah Lee (Rainforest) will take up her new role as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and Lisa Smith will support her as Nursery Nurse with SEN responsibilities. Penny McAtamney, after four years of devoted service to our special needs children and their families, will take over as a keyworker in River Room.

Marian Greenwood will be taking up an exciting and challenging new role providing teaching input to a nearby Children's Centre (South Bermondsey) as well as continuing to be an integral part of Kintore Way on a half and half basis.

Jackie Richards and Margaret Cullen will also be exchanging roles in January to enhance their professional knowledge and expertise. Margaret will become lead practitioner in Seashore Room and Jackie will become lead practitioner for Desert and Orchard Rooms.

Congratulations to all of them!

### **Dates**

Nativity Play (Shine Star, Shine) for 3-5's - **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
11.00am - **Morning part time** parents in River and Rainforest Rooms **plus full time** parents from **River Room**.

2.15pm - **Afternoon** parents from River and Rainforest Rooms **plus full time** parents from **Rainforest Room**.

Graduation - **17<sup>th</sup> December at 2,00pm** for children leaving to go to reception classes at primary school.

Christmas Party - 18<sup>th</sup> December usual session times. Contributions of food will be gratefully received but must be in closed packaging with contents listed on the outside (Health and Safety requirement). Please see your keyworker for details. This is the last day of term for River and Rainforest Children.

Christmas Sing-a-long - **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** for Desert, Orchard and Seashore Rooms only. Details will be available from your keyworker and please note this is the last day of term for children in these rooms.

New term starts - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for Desert, Orchard and Seashore Rooms.

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for River and Rainforest Rooms.