

## **Parents Newsletter – October 2007**

**Managing Director – Mrs. Jo Maunder.**

**Care Manager – Mrs. Ruth Moffat**

We are sadly saying farewell to Mrs. Whitefoot this week as she is going on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best in her forthcoming role as “mum.” Sarah Stirling from the baby room has also just left Ark to move south and Aimee Warrender is returning to New Zealand. We are welcoming new staff in the blue room, Sarah Bryant who started this week and Donna McGillivray who is joining the team in November.

In the last newsletter we stated that the children from the blue room could progress to the yellow room on the Monday after their third Birthday. Can I just reiterate that as per Ark policy number 10.7.1, this is when numbers allow and if the child is mainly clean and dry. Please note that the latter is with the exception of additional needs or medical conditions.

**Reminder: On arrival, could parents please give all medicines to a member of staff. On completion of a Record of Medicine sheet, the medicine will be locked in the office. This is for the safety of all the children in the building.**

We appreciated the very positive feedback given from the parent questionnaires recently distributed in the pre-school rooms. Any queries regarding curriculum matters will be addressed at the Curriculum Evening that is planned for Wednesday 21st November - details to follow. There was a query on the possibility of outings (out with Ark area) from the pre-school rooms. This can be a problem to organise due to transport and adult/child ratios required for trips. We do, however, take the children swimming for a six week block in the summer term. Unfortunately, we have had difficulty in recruiting parent volunteers to cover the required ratios for this too and have had to deploy staff.

To follow on from the last newsletter, the amount raised for Clic Sargent was £135.11. Thank you for your donations and participation in the event - hope you all saw the photograph in The Northern Scot on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October! The “Jeans for Genes” day was also successful, raising the sum of £77.84.

Meanwhile, there’s a fun day planned for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – look out for all the witches, ghosts etc in the building and spiders of course!

Thank You

Jo Maunder