



# Snowflake School

## *'Improving the quality of family life'*



Dear Parents,

As you know I began in the post of head teacher at Snowflake School the beginning of the term. I am thrilled to have been appointed and already feel at home. I come to the school with 14 years of experience as a head teacher and aim to ensure that snowflake continues to develop its reputation as a centre of excellence. I aim to set up a regular Parents Group to ensure that we work in partnership with all our families. You are always welcome to phone, e-mail or visit the school to discuss your child's needs and I look forward to us working together.

*Best wishes, Jayne*



I would like to introduce our two new tutors: Karen Tatley and Sukaynah Ghafori. Both Karen and Sukanah come to Snowflake with a good understanding of ABA/VB having worked on programmes within home and school settings. Leila Moeeni has also joined the Snowflake team as our administrator. She will be working in the office on Monday to Wednesday.



# Happy New Year

### **Tutor change on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:**

All pupils will begin working with their new tutors from next week. In the past few weeks all of the tutors have been given the chance to shadow their new child and to get to know their programmes. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know, Jayne

### **Nevern Gardens**

We have decided to make more use of this wonderful facility and the children now have the opportunity to run, play and climb there at lunch times. It is already a favourite venue with many of the children and provides another opportunity for exercise and interaction.

### **Bike Training:**

We re started our bike training on 20<sup>th</sup> January in Holland Park. Our sessions are led by Sarah one of the lead bike trainers in Kensington and Chelsea. The children are all doing really well with some of them now able to ride independently. It's not only great fun but is great exercise too.

## Half term topic:

Our topic focus this half term is Rhyme and Rhythm. We are exploring a variety of rhymes and poems chosen to match the children's different age ranges and interests. Our literacy sessions are focussed on books with repeating patterns and pupils have enjoyed participating in group literacy and maths sessions based on the chosen books and rhymes/poems.

## Parents Group:

We would like to set up a regular Parents' Group (mums, dads or other relatives are all welcome) to discuss issues and offer training that would help and support your child, you and your family. **The first of these meetings will be held on 15<sup>TH</sup> February at 1 pm (here at school).**

This first meeting will give us a chance to discuss what topics you would like us to focus on and discuss. If you are unable to attend this meeting please let me know if there are any particular days or times that would be easier for you.

*Jayne*



**Our outing to Pizza Express was a great success. The pupils really enjoyed the trip, were able to make their own pizzas and even got the chance to eat them for lunch or take them home. Here are a few photos showing us in action:**

**NB Pupils with gluten free dietary needs will be making pizzas at school in the next few weeks**



## Occupational Therapy:

We are currently investigating new providers to ensure that our children get the best possible input. We will keep you informed of any changes.

## Swimming:

Continues this term and all the pupils attending have really enjoyed their sessions. We are also investigating other PE opportunities to begin in the summer that will enable us to offer a wider variety of physical activities.

## REMINDER of term and holiday dates for Spring & Summer Term 2011:

- Half term – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Spring holiday – 11<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer term – 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- Summer half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June