



Next Steps Childcare Centre

It has been a lovely year and so much has changed at Next Steps. All the rooms received lots of new play materials and furniture. More recently we have seen a great improvement in the baby room with lots of new toys and equipment. The new Early Years curriculum started last September and we have been very successful in its implementation, the weekly planning and the children personal files are always available to the parents, every suggestion is very welcome. OFSTED inspectors spent a day with us and awarded the Nursery with a grade of Good with Outstanding features, we are so proud.

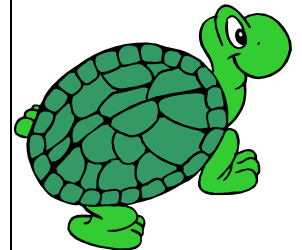
Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to read a story and participate in activities, the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Our door is always open for the parents that like to have a greater involvement in nursery life.

New in September! Vicki is having a baby soon and will start her maternity leave in October. We have asked the staff to move rooms; we hope this will also help to smooth the children transition between the nursery and pre-school. The **new staff arrangements** are:

- Baby room team : Karen, Amy and Kirstie
- Nursery team: Sally, Paula. Ros and Emma
- Pre-school team: Rachel and Kerri

Students will also restart in September, Charlotte in baby room and Tia in nursery and Lydia.

Unfortunately we recently had a increase in **the early arrival and late collection of children**, this disrupts the smooth running of the nursery (at lunch time) and the personal life of the staff (in the evening) we would like to ask all parents/carers to pay special attention to this issue and be considerate, if you need to increase or change your hours please request a form in the office or speak to a member of staff. Thank you.



In response to a change in the **NHS** guidelines Next Steps has changed the policy on the Norovirus (sickness and diarrhoea) exclusion time, from the 1st of September the exclusion time for children with this condition will be 48 hours instead of 24. For more information <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/pages/prevention.aspx>

Thank you for the Tesco vouchers collected. With this fantastic offer Next Steps has obtained a outdoor music speaker, a trampoline, a bamboo channelling set, a new wooden sand pit, a dark den frame with accessories, a CD of Afro- Caribbean music, a mirrored tray to explore colours and shapes and a instrument called a steel pan.

And finally it is with sadness we say goodbye to all the children moving on to primary school, we hope you had a great time with us and we will certainly see you soon out and about in Somerset. Some of you will also return in the new year to attend the after school and holiday clubs. **Good luck and good bye...**

