

## **Abbeywood Tots (Knowle)**

### **News letter**

#### **Pre-School**

This month we have been doing lots of work on me, myself and I, looking at our bodies creating self-portraits using the mirrors to describe what we see. We have been discussing our families and people who are special to and focusing on other religions and cultures to see the differences between families and the way people live.

#### **Welcome!**

We would like to welcome our new member of staff Claire she will be helping Beverly with our pre-school children.

#### **Feelings**

In the next week we are going to talking about our own and others feelings and ways they might change, it would be great if the you could bring in anything that makes your child happy so we can share it with the group.

#### **Phonics**

If you have anything at home beginning with the letters S,A,T,P please bring it in as we would love to use it when focusing on our phonics.

S            A            T            P

#### **Stay and Play**

Just a little reminder that we have our parents and grandparents stay and play week happening next month so please come and see the staff to book in a time.

Also we have our cook a book date so please see our parents board for info.

#### **Toddlers**

We have been using stories to explore our language and ways of communicating. We focused on the story 'Dear Zoo', exploring animal sounds, textures, and mark making by writing our own letters to the zoo. Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking at making independent choices using choice cards, and self-care i.e. dressing ourselves etc.

During our group time we will be exploring numbers, counting grouped objects and using number songs.

### Baby room

We have been collecting family photos for interactive board; if you haven't yet had the chance to bring any in it would be great if you could in the next few weeks as the children really engaged when using them at group time. We have been doing lots of role play with the dolls to encourage gentle hands and sharing in the group, and using the role play kitchen to encourage interaction and imagination.



### Harvest

We are going to be collecting tins of food etc for harvest so we would be grateful if you could bring in anything as we will be arranging to take it to a local residential home.



### Forthcoming Events

Parent play and stay week 10/10/11

Parent information evening 11/10/11

Grandparents play and stay week 17/10/11