

Merry Christmas from Sue and the team at Hopscotch

Welcome to the third edition of the Hopscotch newsletter which is packed with all the festive fun you would expect from us at this time of year.

Hopscotch has achieved many things during 2007. Our new website is now up and running and the newsletter is available up to four times each year, keeping you informed on what's happening at Hopscotch.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for choosing Hopscotch and behalf of all the staff, we wish you and your children a very merry and peaceful festive season.

Sue Adamson

Festive opening hours:

We will be closed on the following days: 25th and 26th December 2007 and January 1st 2008. Normal hours will apply during the rest of the festive period.

If you are planning to take your child out of nursery during the break, could you please advise us in advance, as this will give our staff the opportunity to take holidays over the festive season.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON

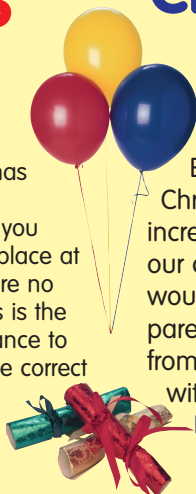
at Hopscotch December 3rd

This is the most magical time of year and we start the season off with our lights switch on to get everyone in the festive mood. Let's go Christmas crackers!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th December

This really is the start of Christmas at Hopscotch. If your child is not planned in on any of the days, you can always arrange to book a place at any of the parties as we are sure no one will want to miss out. If this is the case, we need to know in advance to ensure the nursery can meet the correct staffing levels for health and safety purposes. Please advise your child's key worker, if any additional days are required.



Winter tales on Radio Merseyside

in association with Book Start

We have been invited to be part of the winter tales programme on Radio Merseyside on Friday 7th December, so make sure you tune in from 11am on 95.8 Radio Merseyside. Please note the performance may be recorded.

HOPSCOTCH CAROL CONCERT

18th December at 3pm

The children have started rehearsing and will be in fine voice for the annual Hopscotch Carol Concert. All parents are welcome to join us for mulled wine and mince pies, just let a member of the team know if you can attend.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 20th December 2pm

Each year the Christmas Party is incredibly popular with our children. Hopscotch would like to invite all parents to join us from 4pm to meet with Santa Claus.

Ho ho ho!



What do you want to be when you grow up?

In November Hopscotch took part in Enterprise Week with Make Your Mark in Liverpool, as part of a drive to engage young people into becoming entrepreneurs.



The day consisted of playing chefs, firemen, business men and women, recyclers, gardeners and quite a few more. Richard Branson had better watch his back!

IT'S GOING TO BE 'GREAT IN 2008'

Next year is going to be a great time to be in Liverpool. We would like to share your own memories of growing up and living in Merseyside with the children. We will use this for a 'Great in 08' memory board and each month we will focus on different themes as a part of the 2008 Capital of Culture celebrations. If you would like any further information or have any suggestions for activities, please speak to your child's key worker.

Focus on Communications and Language

At Hopscotch, your child's education is so important to us. We always ensure communication and language and literacy are high on the education agenda to enhance your children's skills and confidence. Please feel free to feedback to your child's keyworker on any changes you notice in your child's confidence and use of language.

HOPSCOTCH SURVEY

I would like to thank all of those parents and guardians who have taken the time to complete the recent survey. If by chance you have not yet returned it, we do value your feedback and ask that you pass it to your child's key worker at your earliest convenience. The evaluation will be made available from early January 2008 and it will form the basis of next year's action plan for the nursery.