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ANNUAL CELEBRATION

We are planning our annual celebration that will take place in Aylesbury on Friday 02.01.04 at 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. with entertainment by 'Magic Ian'. Please fill in the enclosed form if you are interested so we may estimate numbers.

We will make a small charge as before to cover costs. All interested family members are welcome, the charge will only apply to those children attending, £2.50 per child.

We are as always interested in your comments and many have requested groups during the summer holidays. We will therefore be arranging to run a playscheme in both Buckingham and Aylesbury. This idea has yet to be completed, so watch out in the next 2 newsletters for more details. We will also be planning an annual picnic in each park as we did this year - A RALLY?

Now into our 3rd year, we thank all those families that have made 'Little Learners 123', so successful - we hope you continue to enjoy the time with us - we very much enjoy your company.

What's On

Until December 2003

Teddy Bear Story - 100 years of the Teddy Bear, Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green, London

One hundred years ago, German toy manufacturer Steiff made its first jointed bear. Teddy Bear Story traces the irrepressible spread of the teddy bear since then and features around 400 teddy bears from the early 19th Century until the present day. There are some of the oldest surviving historic teddy bears, as well as 'celebrity' bears including Rupert, Paddington, Winne the Pooh, Sooty and Aloysius from Brideshead Revisited.

Price: Free Telephone: 0208 980 2415



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NEWS & INFORMATION

Hello again!

Now back to 'Little Learners 123' following a long summer break, our newsletter remembers some recent events.

We enjoyed our first time at The Bucks County Show. We had many visitors to our stand some of whom signed up. Our whole family joined in the day and our grand daughters, Annie, Amy and Megan dressed up as clowns to attract interest to our stand/display. Many families visited the play area and enjoyed the play activities, some even asked to purchase some equipment!



QUOTATION

'You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be ... I had a Mother who read to me'
Strickland Gillian

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COMMENTS FROM PARENTS

'The structure and friendliness of everyone'.
 'Very enjoyable, great toys and books and atmosphere'.
 'Having someone who would listen and try to help when one was having difficulties with one's child'.
 'We both had an enjoyable time at 'Little Learners 123', I feel my son is now ready for school. I would recommend this to anyone'.
 'Learning together, all the time in the company of others - a positive atmosphere'.
 'Safe play together within a structured framework learning all the time'.
 'Really pleased with the service and format, which is well thought through'.

Growing Food

If you're looking for ways to boost your child's fruit intake, why not try avocados? They're full of vitamins, contain more protein than any other fruit and are easily digestible. You can offer one mashed as a starter food, or mix with a pinch of paprika and finely chopped tomato. Serve as a dip with pitta bread fingers. Once it's eaten, you and your child can grow an avocado plant:



- Suspend the washed stone in a water-filled jar, so it rests about an inch into the water.
- Keep warm but out of direct sunlight.
- Roots and a stem will sprout within six weeks. When the stem is six inches long, cut it back to three. When it sprouts leaves, plant it in rich soil. Keep watered and in direct sunlight.

QUOTATION

The one who makes no mistakes makes nothing.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Two very hot picnic days were enjoyed by many families. Over 100 people attended the picnic in Aylesbury, which got a mention in the local press. The picnics provided an opportunity for families to meet up with others from their groups during the very long summer break.



Buckingham Picnic



Aylesbury Picnic

Since the last newsletter many new babies have arrived, we send congratulations to:-



Claire Cooke, Maisy a sister for Molly
 Jenny Hodges, Lucy a sister for Katie
 Rosemary Guntrip, George a brother for Millie
 Chrissie Dransfield, Grace a sister for Molly
 Angela Hucklebridge, Oliver a brother for Ellie



At the end of the summer term we said 'Goodbye' to many, and hope that by now they are well settled into pre-school and nurseries.

We have now welcomed many new children into groups and continue to develop the fun activities. Parents have been keen to offer ideas that have been introduced into groups with great success. Table top activities, action rhymes and a variety of new and recommended books have been well received.