

Sarah's Childminding Newsletter

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Welcome to my first Childminding Newsletter, where I hope to keep Parents informed about my service and my plans for future activities, holiday dates and changes.

I would very much welcome your input, if you have any ideas for articles that you might find interesting.

Now that the summer has arrived we are enjoying lots of trips to the local parks. The children love the slide and swings. We are hoping to arrange a trip to Newbarn park in Swanley during the Summer Holidays so the older children can join us. If you haven't been to NewBarn, there is a small train ride from the car park to the main park, a boating lake (securely fenced off) large and smaller play areas catering for all ages and abilities, refreshment kiosk and huge sandpit area. There is also a lot of open space for picnicking and playing games. We are planning on going for the whole day with a picnic. I will advise you of the date nearer the time.



Sun Cream

Hopefully the sunshine will last! In order to protect your child from the sun's rays, I would be grateful if all parents could provide me with sun-cream and hats.

A copy of my Sun Protection Policy is available on request.

Activities and Celebrations planned for the coming weeks

Sports relief 15/16th July

We will be organising our own mini sports day!

With medals and certificates. Parents and extended family very welcome to join in!

International Left-handers Day 13th August

We will be attempting everyday activities using our left hand, so we understand how difficult it might be for left handed people in a right handed world

Notting Hill Carnival 27th and 28th August

We will be having our own mini carnival in the garden, weather permitting. We will be making costumes and floats (using bicycles, scooters and push along toys!) And trying out some new food.

I would like to introduce you to my newest minded child, James. He is 10 months old and adorable. He will be joining us at the end of August, for 3 full days per week.

Jane, James' mum, was very impressed with how all the children interacted so well when she came on a visit. She commented on the children's excellent manners and how the older children were very considerate to the smaller ones.



Thank you to Jane for providing the photograph to include in my newsletter



What have we been up to?



The Children loved the trip to the local ten pin bowling alley. We asked for the lane alleys to be raised and used the ramp for the little ones. We went with my childminder friend Jane and her children and so we had two teams. We won! (only by 4!) but it was great

fun.

The trip to the cinemas was great. We saw the latest Disney film. Before we went the children helped make the popcorn and pack a bag of goodies!



When we returned they made the playroom into a cinema for the dolls and teddies. They made their own tickets and took it in turns to help them find their seats and serve the popcorn.

Dates for you diary

August Bank Holiday
28th August 2006

My holiday dates
7th to 20th August
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Despite the poor weather the trip fruit picking was very enjoyable. The children were amazed at how some of the fruit and vegetables grew and looked! They had great fun choosing what they wanted to pick and helping to carry it round the farm.

When we returned the children helped me to prepare what we had picked and cook it. They asked lots of questions about how fruit and

