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*Dear Parents,*

*Parents Newsletter - February 2007*

*Welcome to our first newsletter on our website. We hope that this is successful in many ways, first of all you will not be 'encouraged' to take your newsletter when your arms are full of other things ☺, secondly it will support our eco-philosophy. We would be pleased to know what you think of the website.*

❖ *Welcome*

*Welcome to all our new children and their families. If you need any further information on the centre for example, policies, daily routines please ask Amie who will be only too pleased to help.*

*Can we remind you to ensure that there is a full change of clothes for your child in your bag? In a very busy nursery such as ours all sorts of mishaps occur, such as water spillage, mud splashes etc., and when children need to change they like it to be their own clothes... understandably.*

❖ *Cammo Trip*

*The trips to Cammo have been wonderful. We will visit at the dawn of every season and record our visits. Thanks to Cheryl who coordinated the trip and to Tina (Alex's mum) for researching the trip initially for us. We are also very grateful to all the parents that came – we couldn't do it without you ☺*

❖ *Kadi (our sponsored child in Niger)*

*Thank you to everyone who has contributed to raising the sponsorship for Kadi. There are still some goods at reception. If you would like any goods please leave a small donation with Amie.*



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❖ *Gorgie Farm*

*Lian is planning trips to Gorgie farm in March. – there is no charge for these trips, but small*



*donations to the farm fund would be welcome.*

❖ *Eco-Talk*

*We have been invited to talk at an eco-event (on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007) as an acknowledgement of our good practice.*

*On that note can you please check the lost property basket – we recycle the clothes every month and there appear to be such lovely items in the basket. Please claim these before we recycle them.*

❖ *Library*

*Amie runs the book library on Thursdays and the Storysack Library will soon be launched. If you would like a book / Storysack on another day please speak to Amie.*



*What is a Storysack?*

*Just as the name suggests, Storysacks are sacks that contain stories! The children's fiction book is supplemented by an audio tape of the story and a factual, non-fiction book relating to the story. Characters and props pertaining to the story are also in the sack, as is a game with a theme relating to the story and parent prompts with suggestions to help develop your child's literacy skills as they use the sacks.*



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*Storysacks provide many benefits to the children who borrow them from the centre. Firstly, they broaden the appeal of reading by providing many exciting, fun, informative activities related to each book. Furthermore, each activity is designed to support and enhance the child's holistic development, not just their language skills – and the prompt cards that accompany each sack give parents useful pointers to help ensure these learning opportunities are maximised. Another great benefit of Storysacks is that they provide a valuable link between home and the centre, helping us work in closer partnership to support the child. The centre owns a selection of books and materials that explain the many benefits of Storysacks. These are available for you to borrow to help you and your child share in the delights that using Storysacks together offer.*



*Warmest wishes*

*Lynn*



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