



CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB
AND
LITTLE MASTERS & MISSES NURSERY AGENCY
ARE OPENING A NEW

PLAY CENTRE

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The Official Nursery Team to the Crystal Palace Family Room

THE PLAY CENTRE PREPARES

BY THE time you read this the Selhurst Play Centre will have opened. It operates in the Family Lounge, and is a joint venture by Crystal Palace Football Club and Little Masters and Misses, Croydon's busiest baby-sitting, nanny and nursery nurse agency.

It is part of Chairman Ron Noades' deliberate policy to

involve Palace in the community, and to open our superb family facilities to local people. The Centre is run, staffed and managed by Little Masters and Misses.

SAFE

Last week was a time for sorting out details, and checking that everything was in place. Long months of preparation are necessary before children are

allowed in — every aspect of a play centre of this size has to be approved and checked by officials from Croydon Council. Parents can then be assured that their children are safe when they attend.

Members of the fully-trained and experienced staff team were present at a pre-opening conference on Wednesday, 9th August. Margaret Osborne is Nursery Consultant, Lorna Samuel the Officer-in-Charge — these two very experienced executives ran the briefing for four of their Nursery Officers,

Myrtle Barnett, Sophia Folks, Tracey Reynolds, and Gillian Beard.

Your *Palace News* reporter was allowed in at the end of the session, to ask questions on behalf of Croydon parents.

Q. Can anyone use the Play Centre?

A. You must be a registered client with Little Masters and Misses, or be a member of the Palace Club. As a special offer until the end of August you can either join Little Masters and Misses' baby-sitting service at a reduced rate; or join the Palace Club free, if you then register with the Play Centre.

Q. Can I bring my child any day?

A. You must register children at least one day before. Children can either attend in the morning 8.45-11.45, or afternoon 12-3. Later this year there will be an after-school session for 5-8 year-olds, 3.15-6.15.

Q. What ages do you take during the day?

A. From 3-5 years; but a small number at 2½ years. Drinks and biscuits are provided for the morning

children; it is suggested that those arriving at 12 noon should bring small packed lunches, which they can all eat together.

Q. What will the children do during their three hours with you?

A. The Lounge is divided into three sections. One is for the craft activities, including painting, model-making, sand and water play. Construction games and puzzles will be available in another section. Music, dance, and drama will take place in the third area. A child/staff ratio of six to one ensures that all children can work or play in small groups with plenty of adult attention if needed.

All activities aim to be educational; a good play centre is a pre-school place, where children learn routines and skills, where they find out about getting on with other children.

Good habits are learnt or reinforced, e.g. washing, clearing up, using the toilet, and sharing things with others. The idea of the Centre is to make learning fun through play.

Q. How can you provide music in the Lounge?

A. With the use of a tape-recorder to accompany singing and dancing. There will also be the chance to make and use musical instruments.

Q. I use Sainsburys weekly; can I leave my children while I shop?

A. Of course! But remember the session is a planned three hours, the Selhurst Play Centre should be thought of as a fun place to learn, rather than somewhere that children can be minded for short periods.

Why not leave your car in the car-park, then get the bus into Croydon? Have a whole morning or afternoon out, shopping or meeting friends without the children.

Q. What is the cost?

A. The cost is £4.50 per three hour session. We will take a maximum of 44 children each session; the great public demand for this new facility at Palace means that early registration is advisable.

Ring **01-771 5122** for any (L) further details, or call in Monday to Friday at the Play Centre in the Family Lounge, and speak to Margaret or Lorna.

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THE LOUNGE IS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Have you noticed the large area in our Family Lounge at the opposite end to the stage? There are tables and chairs, toys and apparatus, piles of paper and boxes of colours. And CHILDREN, everywhere children. In the middle of this happy, busy crowd is a bundle of energy called Debbie Elliff; she has two trained helpers, in the Family Creche – providing safe entertainment for young Crystal Palace fans.

Debbie runs one of South London's largest babysitting services; LITTLE MASTERS & MISSES her office is just five minutes away from Selhurst Park, and her experience of looking after small children is extensive and world-wide. We are lucky to have her enthusiastic services on match-days; a major problem faced by families is "Is it safe to bring young children to football?" With Debbie's professional help Palace has proved that football is fun for all the family.

Over this season we hope to build up a range of activities for all age groups. The morning Family Section matches with visiting and away teams are a chance for 8-13 year-olds to meet children from other clubs. The Christmas Party will cater for children of all ages. Supervised away-match coach trips for Junior Eagles will be advertised shortly. The Selhurst Eagles Under-12 team provides high-class training and match experience for a large squad of boys. Debbie and her helpers are experts with young



children. During the season there will be something exciting for all the family – don't forget grandparents, why not bring them as guests, an afternoon in the Lounge and Family Enclosure might stir lots of old memories!

You can contact Debbie Elliff at Little Masters and Misses for your babysitting or nannying requirements – her office is at 156 Woodville Road, Thornton Heath; Telephone: 01-771 5122/2641.

Great prizes to be won

HOW about this for some festive fun? A special Christmas crossword with not just one . . . not two . . . not three . . . but FOUR great prizes to win!

Go on, have a go. You could win yourself an early Christmas present.

Fill in all the answers, then send in the completed crossword, together with your name and address. No photocopies.

Make sure your entry is in by the closing date of December 11, 1987, at the latest.

Good luck — and look what you could

PRIZES

1—A great big Jingle Bear, and this one is really special. You can't buy it here, and it's worth over £120.

Its smaller version is on sale at Alders of Croydon for £19.99, part of an exciting new promotion, full of fun. Every bear sold will produce a £1 charity donation for the appeal "Help Great Ormond Street Get Better."

2—"A Question of Sport." It is no longer only on the box, it is now *IN* a box for you to play any time at home.

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It is valued at about £2 has been donated by the at Boots, Croydon.

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4—Football signed by Hotspur football team.

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