



Nursery Newsletter - January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break. Thank you again for coming to watch our Nativity last half term. We were so proud of all of the children, they did such an amazing job! We also wanted to thank you for your generous gifts, they were greatly appreciated.

Reception Applications

The deadline to apply for your child's Reception place is **15th January 2024**. If your child has an older sibling in the school you must still apply for your child's Reception place. For more information on how to apply, please visit;

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>

Punctuality

It is really important for your child to arrive at Nursery and be collected on time. Please be reminded that we close the gate just after 9am so please make sure you arrive at the Nursery door before this time, as it can be unsettling for your child if they are late. We are also very busy welcoming and settling the other children and it can be quite disruptive when a member of staff is called to collect children from the office. Please call ahead if your child is going to be late or has an appointment as we need to ensure that we have the correct numbers for lunch. Please can you also make sure that when collecting at 3pm you collect on time as we need to close the doors promptly.

Loose parts donations

*"Loose parts is the **label given to any collection of natural or man-made materials** that can be used to expand upon children's play. Loose parts have no specific function or goal. They can be moved, arranged, designed, taken apart and more!"*

We really love to use loose parts in our Nursery as they are open-ended and allow the children to be challenged within their play.

If you have any of the following items you would like to donate or you have something that you think would support loose parts play, please let one of the Nursery team know.

- spoons, forks, potato mashers, hand mixers, scoops
- funnels
- paper clips
- bangles, costume jewellery
- beads and pompoms
- buttons
- napkin rings, curtain rings
- golf tees
- fabric remnants
- ribbons
- glass gems and mosaic tiles
- doilies and handkerchiefs
- Building and household remnants
- wood scraps

- nuts and bolts
- ceramic tiles
- washers
- dowels
- PVC pipes
- wooden pegs
- paint sample cards

Stay and Play Sessions

This half term we will be holding our first stay and play session. This will be a chance for you to spend time in the Nursery with your child, playing and exploring with them. We will have two sessions, one in the morning (9-9.45am) and one in the afternoon (2-2.45pm). Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate all parents at the same time so there will be an equal number of slots available for both of the sessions. The date for our first stay and play will be on **Wednesday 7th February**. A message will be sent nearer the time with details of how to sign up. If you can't make it, please don't worry as there will be more stay and play sessions throughout the rest of the year.

Dental Health Session

The Haringey dental team will be visiting on **Tuesday 16th January**. They will be talking to the children in Nursery and Reception about how to look after their teeth.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 19th January: Sibling photos

Monday 29th January: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

If you have any questions regarding your child or the Nursery please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

Thank you
The Nursery Team

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