

Early Years Newsletter

January 2019



Thank you!

Happy New Year!! Welcome back. The children have all come back full of enthusiasm and fully absorbed in their learning, through play.

A huge thank you from all the Early Years staff for all of our lovely, and very thoughtful Christmas gifts that we received. It was such a pleasant surprise and you are all very kind.

Clothing

We still have lots of children's clothing that is un-named. Please help us to help you, by putting your child's name in **ALL** of their clothing. It can then be easily identified and returned to their peg or drawer.

All items of un-named clothing will go into the Early Years lost property basket or hung above the radiator in the cloakroom.

Early Years Cake Stall

This term Early Years cake stalls are on the **15th Feb and 22nd March**, as always volunteers to run the stall are appreciated! We also appreciate any cakes and biscuits (bought or home-made) being brought in on the morning of those days.

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

Reading (full time children)

Please can the full time children have their reading books and planners in school every day. We encourage you to take them home each day and read whenever is possible. Once you have listened to your child read please sign in their planner with any relevant comments. A page a day is often more beneficial than a longer session once a week. Our aim is that we will change the children's reading books weekly.

Parent Workshops

There will be an Early Years Writing Workshop and a Maths Workshop for parents to attend. This will give you all you need to know to further support your children at home in phonics, writing and maths. These will be held on the following afternoons:

- Phonics Workshop Thursday 31st January at 2:30pm.
- Maths Workshop Thursday 7th February at 2:30pm.

These will be held in the Early Years small classroom. We look forward to seeing you all there if you can attend.

www.espresso.co.uk

This is a useful educational website that we regularly use in school to support phonics and maths development. You can also access at home with the following login details.

- espresso username: student24256, password: pupilfp.

Once logged in then you are given access to a number of phonics and maths games/challenges. If you have any queries or questions regarding this then please speak to Mrs Wilson. The phonics section shows you all the sounds we have been learning this year, we are currently working on Phase 3 sounds (Polly's phonics).

P.E

Mrs Burt would like me to remind you that P.E. kits need to be in school every Wednesday. Some children are finding it difficult to get themselves changed so any extra practise they can do at home would be really helpful. It might even speed things up for you too!

Learning from Home

We love to hear about all the fantastic things that your child does out of school. Feel free to bring in any pictures and achievements. This then contributes to your child's learning journey book, which is yours to take home and treasure at the end of their time in the Early Years Unit. We have also made a class Learning Journey including all the wonderful activities and events that we have taken part of as a class.

Toys and lip salve from Home

We are still finding that children are bringing in their own toys and lip salves or balms from home. Please could you also remind your children **NOT** to bring their own toys into school unless specifically agreed with a member of staff. It is causing a lot of distress for them and others when they go missing or another child takes it.

If a child needs lip salve or balm, please put their name on it and hand to a member of staff, we have found some children using each others.

Parents' evenings and stay and play sessions

We will be holding **play and stay sessions** for full-timer parents every morning of the week commencing **4th February**. There will be sign up sheets available nearer the time. Sessions will be from 9:30 to 11. Please note these are sessions to spend with your children, staff will be focusing on supporting the children.

Parents' evenings are coming up after half term. You will have the opportunity to meet with one of the Early Years teachers to discuss your child's learning and development. These will be held after school on **Wednesday 27th March** and **Thursday 28th March**. There will be further details to follow including a letter with a reply slip for you to state your preference of date and time. We will also have a sign up sheet in Early Years.

On Friday 15th February there will be a Quiz night at school for Mrs Wilson's London marathon fundraising.

We finish school for half term on Friday 22nd Feb at the usual time of 3:15pm and return Monday 4th March.

As ever, we thank you for your continued support, we are very lucky to have such helpful parents.