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News from the Early Years January 2022

Hi everyone we hope you are all had a restful break and we wish both you and your child good health for the Spring term ahead.

During the Spring term most children begin to demonstrate the ability to embrace new challenges and increased focus learning experiences as their concentration skills develop. In the reception year they continue to participate in adult led sessions for supported reading, phonics, writing and mathematics alongside child initiated learning experiences.

What's next in the reception class?

This term the reception class will be learning about recycling through their current topic 'What's under the bed' by Wonderwise. The children will be learning about the three important R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Through a role play recycle centre the children will consolidate the concept of recycling through a daily task of sorting. Through various stories such as Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson the class will explore the importance of looking after the environment and the role they can play alongside making their own paper!



What's next in the Nursery class?

In the nursery we continue to welcome new children this term, alongside meeting daily as part of small group sessions to further develop and consolidate early reading, writing, phonics, fine and large motor skills.

This term the nursery will explore through the mini project 'Open a door'. Through planned and child initiated experiences the children will look closely at doors and will use their imagination to think about what could be behind a door. One of the books they will explore is 'Six Dinner Sid' by Inga Moore, The Three Little Pigs and Doodling Daniel by Joyce Dunbar.



Reminders for Parent/Carers

- Supported reading book bags must be brought into school every day in the reception class
- All children **must** have a labelled water bottle which needs to come into school every day.
- Lunch payments (nursery parent/carers only) can be paid via Scopay, please see Miss Angie if you need log in details.
- As you can appreciate, we are trying to settle new and existing children so the morning transition time is extremely busy. We do not want you to feel unheard so we are asking all Nursery parent/carers to please drop their child and then leave straightaway unless they have something **urgent** to share with an adult and we will ask you to wait at the side of the gate.

Winter Readiness

We have just received an important update from the UK Health Security Agency about winter readiness. During the winter season pupils and staff in schools are particularly susceptible to infections which increase over the winter months such as flu, Covid19 and stomach infections; norovirus. The spread of these can be limited if we work together as a team to improve infection control practices.

The key message for both parent/carers and staff is;

1. Parent/carers should exclude their child from school if they have symptoms of flu like illness, diarrhoea and or vomiting or any other infectious disease.
2. Parent/carers need to make sure their child is up to date with immunisations for their age; MMR etc. We understand that some children are exempt from vaccines for medical reasons, please let the early year's team know if this is the case.

As a school we will also encourage parent/carers to ensure that their child is eating a healthy balanced meal and getting enough sleep and exercise every day.

Focus Day

This term we will start focus day observations in the early years. You will receive a text message the week commencing your child's focus observation. At the end of your child's focus observation you will receive a copy of your child's new learning priorities sheet to support further at home.



Google classroom

Google classroom is the online platform which was used by the school consistently throughout the lockdown. This platform is going to be accessible again to the early years. Over the next week you will receive a google classroom log in if you not already done so. Please follow the directions to log on.

Google classroom will be used to inform parent/carers of experiences to further support their child at home. It may also include links to stories, games and activities to consolidate learnt concepts and key words.

Parent feedback

Following the feedback from parent/carers regarding support at home we are now happy to give you some dates for sessions to support

Subject	Date	Time
The revised EYFS	Booklet sent home	
Developing early writing	9-2-22	3.45-4.30
Behaviour strategies	23-2-22	3.45-4.30

Spare clothes

Every child in the early years has a named peg bag which can be used to store spare clothes. **Please remember to pay £5 for your child's bag.** Please make sure all clothes are **clearly labelled** and easily managed by children. We recommend loose tops, elasticated waist trousers, velcro shoes and socks instead of tights. Please send spare clothes in a plastic bag **with your child's name** on it so we can transfer it to your child's peg bag.

The Memory Book

Please see the chart below for the contributions that are needed for your child's memory book this term

	Contribution- Spring 1	Contribution- Spring 2
Reception class mini projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paper dolls and recyclingUnder the bed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Photographs of your child recycling in the home and out and about; food waste, litter etcSupermarket sweep!Recyclable materials for creative projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A drawing of child's own bedCollection of materials from their home such as; wood, wire, plastic, metal etc- letter to follow
Nursery class Open a door What's in the bag?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Photograph of your door and doors of interest- supermarket, bus etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spare bags from homeShopping receipts

Contributions

Now that we are back at school, we are happy to collect your child's £5 contribution in the early years, if you have not already done so. Please send this in as soon as you can so we are able to provide cooking, breakfast experiences at school. A reminder letter will be sent out to you.



Chinese New Year- Tuesday 1st February 2022

Would you like to take part in the various Chinese new year celebrations in London find out more by visiting <https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/4733685-chinese-new-year-in-london> **2022** -Welcomes the year of the Tiger

Number Day – Friday 4th February 2022

This year the whole school will take part in number day to raise money for NSPCC. A letter will be sent out nearer the time. Further information can be found at www.NSPCC.org.uk

Dates for the diary

January 2022	February 2022
National storytelling week- 30th Jan- 6th Feb	Chinese new year- Tuesday 1 st Feb 'noodle tasting day'
ecoACTIVE – environmental educational charity- Reception class only. To be confirmed	Friday 4th February 2022 Number Day 2022- letter to follow
	Safer internet awareness day- 8 th February letter to follow
	Money sense workshop- Lloyds Bank 'A crocodile for Billy' letter to follow Behaviour strategies workshop-23-2-22 3.45-4.30pm letter to follow
Developing early writing workshop- 09-2-22 3.45-4.30pm letter to follow	Pancake day- 15 th feb
	Little angel theatre- letter to follow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • singing mermaid- reception • Handas surprise- nursery
	Monday 14th- Friday 18th February- Half Term All children return on Monday 21 st February 2022