



What's happening at Nursery School !

12th October to 16th October 2015

We hope you will be able to join us this week for our "Friends around the world" activities. We will be getting to know more about each other- our traditions, languages, costumes and food.

Please come along and join in with the fun!

**Tuesday 13th October or
Thursday 15th October
8.30am to 10.30am.**



Punctuality and attendance.

Over the next few weeks we will begin to look closely at the children's attendance and to see which children and which of our key groups are achieving the best attendance and are most punctual. School starts at 8.30am and your child will miss out on valuable learning if they are regularly late as well as feeling left out as their friends have all arrived and settled before them.

Lateness = Lost Learning.

Did you know that:-

**5 minutes late each day equals 3 days lost,
10 minutes late each day equals 6.5 days lost,
15 minutes late each day equals 10 days lost.**

This is a lot of time that your child is missing out on the opportunity to develop in all areas of their learning!!

Please can you let the office team know if you have to drop off or collect an older child at one of the local schools on a regular basis.

Also can we remind you all that you must let us know before 9.00am if your child is going to be absent or late arriving. We have to place our order for dinners at this time and if your child is late and you have not let us know then they will not have a meal booked and you will have to take your child home for lunch.

You can telephone school on 0121 675 3408 from 7.30am in the morning or up until 6.00pm in the evening if you want to let us know about an absence the day before.

Go For It! - Become a Parent Governor

The Governing Body currently has some vacancies for parent governors to serve for a period of up to 2 years. Joining the Governing Body as a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of Featherstone Children's Centre and Nursery School.

Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and work to make sure that it provides a challenging and supportive place to be. They also appoint key staff, oversee the budget and ensure that legal requirements are met. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people, gain new skills and contribute to corporate decisions relating to school improvement. Don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from the LEA and your colleagues on the Governing Body.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about what becoming a staff governor entails then please ask at the office.

Harvest Festival Donations



In order to celebrate harvest Festival this year we are asking for you to donate food items for the children to take to the Erdington Food bank. Please pop an extra item into your shopping basket and leave it in the food bank bin in our reception area. Many families in the Erdington area rely on the Food bank as they are experiencing financial crises.

Look out for the posters in the corridors with details of what food items you can donate.

Reception Class admissions -September 2016

Children in Birmingham can go to school in the September after their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, he/she will be able to start school in September 2016.

By law, you must ensure that your child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday.

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2016 will receive a form and information about applying for a place during October 2015.

The deadline for completion of this form is
4th December 2015

Many schools are holding open events during October and November.

Look out for the list on display in the reception area or ask the staff.

Fruit for the café

One of the contributions we ask parents to make is to bring fruit for the children to share in the café.

Please can children in groups

Ladybirds and Robins

bring in a few pieces of fruit this week?

The week after that will be the turn of

Squirrels and Owls

