

Our Ethos - It takes a whole community to raise a child



What's happening at Nursery School !

Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May 2017

Last week we began to see some signs of Summer approaching and this has enabled the children to spend more time outside and to enjoy more active play.

Please ensure that your children are suitably dressed to protect them from the sun and that they have hats and sun cream. See the back of the newsletter for more information. Many of the children are now in their last term with us and you and them will be beginning to think about school in September.

Please let us know what school you have been allocated for your child so we can ensure that all information regarding your child's learning is passed on to their new class teacher. If your child does not have a place for September or you are appealing the decision please let us know.

You can help and support your child to get ready for the new challenges of primary school. Here are a few suggestions to support them to be 'big enough for big school':

- No more bottles or dummies!
- Children need to walk into nursery school - no more carrying them in or riding in buggies!!
- Let your child carry their own bag, hang up their own coat;
- Teach your child their full name and address, and the name of their next school.

Even the younger children are ready to do these things too!!

On Tuesday 20th June and Thursday 22nd June the Language Alive Theatre are coming to Nursery School again to work with the children. The programme is called *Things That Go Bump in the night*.

The programme explores the complex area of feelings and emotions. It is widely recognised that emotional development is a crucial building block in a child's first years in education.

Between the ages of three and six children commonly share a fear of things like the dark, of imaginary monsters and fear of separation from a guardian or parent. It is an important part of a child's emotional development to have the opportunity to explore their feelings in a safe environment. They need creative and play opportunities that give them the chance to explore, develop and share experiences that make sense of the world they live in. *Things That Go Bump...* will encourage them to use their imaginations aurally, visually and physically. *Things That Go Bump...* has been devised using story, play and a variety of exciting multi-sensory objects and materials and gives the children who take part the opportunity to develop their own imaginative play skills and emotional literacy.

We are asking for a small contribution of £5.00 towards the cost of this exciting learning opportunity.

School telephone number:- 0121 675 3408

Snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

Please can children in the Squirrels and Owls bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers for the café this week?

Next week it will be the turn of the Bumblebees.



We need your help to protect Erdington Schools Funding

Did you know that all funding from the government across Early Years has been cut by 5%!!

Please come along on Thursday 11th May to a meeting for parents

7.00pm (6.00pm refreshments) at

St Edmond Campion Catholic School, Sutton Road, Erdington B23 5XA

Representatives from the National teaching unions will be in attendance as well as local party political candidates who will be available at the end to answer questions regarding the funding cuts that will affect all Early years provision in Nursery schools, classes and schools! Primary schools are also experiencing large funding cuts!

Safe in the Sun.



Please help us to keep your child safe in the sun!

Your child will need a sun hat, sun cream (named and given to their key worker), and clothes that cover their shoulders. No strappy tops please.

We do have some sensitive skin sun cream in Nursery School which we can support children to apply to their arms and faces. Please let us now if your child has any allergies to sun protection products.

All children must still wear shoes or trainers that protect their feet and are safe for robust physical activity. No flip flops or sandals please!



Rights Respecting Schools Award - Level 1

Parent and carer volunteers needed!

Please come along to the first meeting on

Thursday 11th May at 2.00pm in Oak Room.

School Term dates are on our website:-

www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk