



What's happening at Nursery School !



Monday 9th October 2017 to Friday 13th October 2017

Nursery school has been very busy both inside and outside. Many of the children are visiting the graphics area in the Oak room. They have been showing how well they can handle different tools and mark making equipment. They are showing really good fine motor skills using control to handle scissors, use tape and pencils and felt pens. All these opportunities help children to strengthen and develop the muscles needed for handwriting.

We are going to be introducing our learning dinosaurs to the new children over the next few weeks as well as reminding the children who were with us last year about them. We use the learning dinosaurs to support the children to understand what they need to do to be good learners. We are focusing on the Listenausaurus and the Talkeraptor - they can do good listening and good talking! We will also be focusing on Explorasaurus and Askaraptor. These dinosaurs are good at exploring and asking questions or for help.

By using these dinosaurs the staff can help children understand when they are using some good learning skills. This really helps children to understand what they need to do more of in order to be good learners. It also really helps their self confidence. You can help your child develop these skills at home too by telling them when you see them being a good Talkaraptor, a Listenausarus or an Explorasaurus or Askaraptor!

Childhood influenza immunisation programme

This year, the flu vaccine is being offered to children aged two and three years.

If your child was born between **1 September 2013 and 31 August 2015** they can get the flu vaccination free of charge. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and extreme tiredness.

This can last several days or more. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu for more information. Talk to your GP, practice nurse, or your health visitor if you have any further questions.

Visit to Sutton Park

Please ensure that you sign the consent form for our Autumn educational visit to Sutton Park which will take place on **Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October**. We need as many parent helpers as possible in order for the trip to go ahead.

If your child is not attending the trip unfortunately they will not be able to attend Nursery school on that day as most staff will be attending the trip with the children.

Snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

In order that we can provide healthy snacks each day in the cafe for the children please can children in the Squirrels group bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers this week?

If you are not sure what to bring please ask your child's keyworker.



School term dates - advanced notice

Nursery school will be closed for holidays as follows:-

Autumn half term holiday - Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017

Christmas holiday - Monday 25th December 2017 until Friday 5th January 2018

Nursery is closed on Monday January 8th for a training day.

If you have any questions about the holiday dates please ask your child's keyworker.

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 Bethany Community Outreach 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.

You can also check out their Facebook page or website for more information

Children Of the World Week

We hope you will be able to join us next week to celebrate our "Children of the world" week.

We will be getting to know more about each other- our traditions, songs, languages, costumes and food.



Please come along and join in with the fun!

Tuesday 17th October or Thursday 19th October

8.30am to 10.30am or 12.00 to 1.30pm

Please don't forget to phone us if your child is going to be absent.

The school telephone number is **0121 675 3408** Add it to your phone contacts.