

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



### What's happening at Nursery School !

7th November to 11th November 2016

Last week was a very busy week in Nursery School. The children have been learning about different festivals taking place this Autumn- they have learnt about the festival of Diwali and have been talking about different festivals that use lights, candles and fireworks as part of the celebrations. This will really help the children to be respectful and to have an understanding of different religions and cultures and to begin to learn that there are differences and similarities between their own families and other families. Many children have been interested in exploring light and dark and have been using torches to make shadows - some great scientific learning taking place here. There has been some interest in listening to stories about witches and making magic potions and spells. The children are really capable of understanding that these things happen in story books and the play has really helped develop their vocabulary and their imagination - great life skills as well as skills that they will need for creative writing and story writing.

A small group of children will be taking your generous donations for the Food bank down to the Erdington Food bank on Tuesday 8th November. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please remember that your donations are always accepted. Please place them in the bin under the reception desk .

Please don't forget to support our Autumn Fayre taking place on Saturday 12th November by bringing in your donations or asking members of your family or community for donations of prizes and other items.

#### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking this week

Monday 7th November 2015

This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's keyworker and to find out how well your child is doing and to find out if there are any areas that your child needs some extra support with.

## Reception Class Places for September 2017

Don't forget to apply for your child's Reception class place if they are due to leave us in July 2017.

The deadline for applying online is 4th December 2016

The website you need is [www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk)

Click on Schools and Learning and then Apply for school place and then Apply for Reception or Primary school.

Details of the open sessions for schools can be found on the website too and on posters in the corridor.

If you require any help with your application please ask the Nursery School team. You can make your online application in school if you are unable to do this at home.



Please ensure that your child brings a coat to Nursery School every day.



Please also remember to put your child's name inside their coats and also on hats, and gloves.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We have noticed that there are some children who are regularly coming into Nursery School late. It is vital that your child is on time for Nursery school each day so that they do not miss the teaching time taking place at the start of the day. If you are dropping other children at Primary school then please let the office know that this will happen regularly.

## Snacks and fruit or vegetables for the café

Please can children in the Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers group please bring in a few pieces of fruit, some vegetables or some breadsticks or crackers for the café this week?

The week after that will be the turn of the Ladybirds and Robins groups

