



Welcome!

Introducing Balham Nursery School's first weekly newsletter! We will be keeping you regularly updated with the life of the nursery through this newsletter – so please read carefully!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very warm welcome to the second part of the Autumn Term and we hope that you and your children have settled in well.

The Children

This week the children have really enjoyed mark-making on a large scale, playing with the rocket small world resources and constructing with Mobilo. They have been working with pumpkins (hammering using golf tees) and exploring the outside space using their imagination.

Coronavirus

Thank you for all being so wonderful and helping to keep each other safe during pick up and drop off times.

This is just a gentle reminder to wear a face covering whilst in the front garden and please hold your child's hand when handing over to an adult or receiving your child on the door or gate

As you will know we are now in a national lockdown period until the 2nd December and new guidance was recently released

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#education-school-college-and-university>

Balham Nursery will be open as usual throughout lockdown but one of the things that is very clear is that **we cannot have any parents in the building at any time** – this includes settling children. We are really sorry – but we must adhere to the guidance!

The Reminders!

Please remember to LABEL all your child's clothes to ensure that we minimise any lost items. This is really important, especially for BNSCC sweatshirts/t-shirts as we end up with many that are the same size!

In order to minimise sharing of clothing items between children, a good idea is to bring a pair of wellies for your child to get changed into during wet weather.

We would also ask if you have a **BIG** t-shirt you could label and bring in for your child. This would be to cover their clothes when painting or messy play. If it can be big enough to fit over their coat – even better!!

Parent Meetings – Usually at this time of the year – we start organising our face to face parent meetings with you to discuss your child's progress and development. Due to COVID 19 AND lockdown – we are going to have to think differently about it for at least this term. We will be organizing a telephone call with you at some point over the next few weeks – so watch this space for further details.

Just a reminder that we do send regular emails to you all – if you are not getting these – please check your junk folder. All information will also be uploaded to our website

<https://balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk>

Did you know ...?

... kangaroos cannot walk backwards!

TERM DATES 2020-2021		
	First Day	Last Day
Autumn 1	Tues 8 Sep	Thur 22 Oct
Half Term	Mon 26 Oct	Fri 28 Oct
Autumn 2	Mon 2 Nov	Fri 18 Dec
Term Break	Mon 21 Dec	Mon 4 Jan

Flowchart for parents: What to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19

