



The Children

Now that the government guidance tells us that we should restrict visitors, it means that you, as our parents are not able to come into the nursery building and see the wonderful things that we do and the amazing things we learn. Each week we will include information about an area of the nursery so you can catch a glimpse of what we are up to. Please see overleaf.

COVID

As per our risk assessment – I am writing to let you know that a number of children have been referred to have a COVID test as they have been experiencing symptoms of COVID 19.

I am pleased to let you know that all the tests have come back **NEGATIVE** – so you may continue to attend nursery as normal. The school's risk assessment for this instance is to continue to monitor the children in the school.

The advice from the NHS 111 service is for you to carry on as usual and to monitor your children's and your own symptoms as follows to watch out for:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has either a new continuous cough or a temperature – we will ask for your child to have a COVID test and receive a negative result BEFORE returning to nursery. **As you may well know London has now come out of the lockdown period and has entered Tier 2 – High alert. Please see attached for details**

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For Parents and Carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 please remember to submit your application for Wandsworth primary schools by the 15th January 2021 deadline. You will have received an email from us recently. If you would like any assistance completing the form online, please do speak to a member of school staff and we can arrange a time to do this in school.

Hollie will be outside next week with her clipboard to check you have completed it!

Parent Meetings

Thank you to everyone for being available for your parent meetings with either Jo, Fiona or Lisa. We hope you enjoyed hearing all about your wonderful children!

CHRISTMAS!



PSFA fundraising

A festive craft booklet with bingo, craft, delicious food and fun ideas to get you and your family in the festive spirit is on sale in the front garden at the moment. The PSFA



are asking for a suggested donation of £2–£5 (or more if you are feeling generous!) all proceeds going to Balham nursery.

We will also be holding a Balham Nursery Christmas jumper day on Tuesday 15th (and asking for a donation), as well as creating a Christmas calendar for you (donation also suggested)

Arrangements for the last day of term

Friday 18th December

9:00–11:20

Children's Christmas Party

There is no afternoon session for any children.

All children are invited to attend the morning session for the party. It starts at 9:00am and finishes at 11:20am when children need to be collected promptly. Please ensure your child can really enjoy him/herself by arriving on time at both ends of the party. It isn't like the usual session at all and has a fairly tight timetable to run to. We will provide children with party food and entertainment. You may even catch a glimpse of Father Christmas when he takes time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Did you know ...?

... in the past five minutes, the earth has travelled more than 5,000 miles!

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 5th January 2021**



Creative Workshop

The creative workshop offers children a challenging space which creates opportunities for children to learn to become aware of and control their thinking skills. It includes a large bench to work at, as well as an easel and table too. Children have access to different types of paint, crayons, felt tips, pencils, charcoal and other mark making equipment and are encouraged to mix their own paint using the colour wheel. Children are able to select different sizes of paper and card and use different tools such as paintbrushes, scissors and rollers. There is free access to boxes and tubes and other 'junk modelling' resources as well as ribbon, tape, bottle tops and other interesting bits and pieces. Children can use glue, staplers and hole punches too. There is plenty of time to explore, make choices, devise plans and change their minds if it doesn't work out. Children are able to find the joys and discoveries that lie within thinking, " I wonder if ... " and are encouraged to work on both a large and small scale

The space also holds physical challenges, many children will learn to operate equipment and develop control whilst they are here. Staff are responsive to children's needs, respecting that challenge is important for children but also stepping in to support as necessary.

We all celebrate, not only the finished pieces, but the hard work, effort and risk taking that goes into the process of making- creativity in action.



