

# Balham Nursery School & Children's Centre

## Newsletter - Summer Term 2015, Issue 2



### **SUMMER FAIR**

Thank you to everyone who helped with summer fair to make it yet another successful day. A big thanks goes to Rosie and the PSFA team who worked tirelessly to organise the day and I'm sure you'll agree that it was a fantastic event. We were also very lucky that the weather held out! We have managed to raise approximately **£1700.00** which is great for a small school. Money raised will contribute to the cost of the climbing frame we installed 3 years ago (with the help of some borrowed money) as well as to the charities chosen at the beginning of the year.

### **CELEBRATION EVENING**

**Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 6PM**

Our celebration evening on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015** marks the end of the school year for parents, staff and governors. This year we would like to begin the celebration by inviting parents to attend the opening of our photography exhibition capturing the work done by the children with the help of staff and our Artist in Residence Eloise. **Please join us at Chestnut Grove School at 6pm before coming over to BNS&CC for the official celebration evening at 7pm.** Hosted by governors of the school, it is a lovely opportunity to enjoy, reminisce and say goodbye. Invites will be sent out very soon, please ensure you let us know if you will be attending so we can ensure adequate refreshments are available. **Please note this evening is for adults only, we will ensure all children visit the exhibition the following day.**

**Returning Children-** If your child is rejoining us in the Autumn term please be aware the first day back is **Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you!

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

These will take place on the evening of the **6<sup>th</sup> July and throughout the day on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**. Sheets are displayed outside the classes so that you can sign up for a slot which is convenient for you. You will receive a report if your child is leaving the school and will have that before you meet with your child's class teacher.

### **End of term arrangements Term finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

On this day **all children** are invited to attend in the morning for a party. There will be plenty of fun, food and farewells to those children who are leaving.

**All children should be collected at 11.30am.**

However, if your child has a full-time place/ stays for lunch on a Friday, you can choose for them to stay for lunch. Please ensure you collect them from 12.30 p.m. when they will have finished lunch. School will close at 2.00 p.m. for the summer holidays



We say goodbye to most of our children at the end of this term and wish them on their way. Some of children that will be leaving us this year have been a part of BNSCC for a very long time. We will miss them very much! They have had a wonderful time and so have we! We wish them and you the very best for their coming years at primary school.

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At this time of year we also say goodbye to any members of our staff team who have been working with us on event linked contracts. We would like to thank our Learning Support Assistants Joyce and Sofia and our 2 Year Old Support Worker, Natasha for all their hard work this year.

We will sadly be saying farewell to our Nursery Nurse Sue Croxton who has supported the school and many children and families for the past 20 years or so. She leaves us to enter the world of retirement (and relaxation we hope!) We wish her all the very best!

### Curriculum

In these final weeks we will be supporting children with understanding the process of transition - as they move on within the nursery or to new schools.

Please see the Termly Plan which has been sent to you for more information on what children are learning this term.

### PARKING

Please please please DO NOT park where you shouldn't!

We have had a couple of incidents where families are parking on the zig zag lines, on the yellow lines, in the disabled bay and in front of the neighbour's driveway. This is really not acceptable and makes it really difficult for us to retain the positive relationships we have with our community. I urge you to do the right thing and respect this please. I understand parking can be an issue at pick up and drop off times, so I urge you to leave a little earlier and park a little further afield. I will be contacting the Wandsworth parking department to help us monitor during these times.

### Children's Centre

The last term has been a busy one for the Children's Centre with sessions including Mini Boost exercise sessions; Parenting sessions; Yoga for parents and children; Community Music Group helping children to develop their listening skills and to take turns; and Messy Play which is very popular allowing children to explore, mix resources and make the kind of mess that you wouldn't necessarily want at home!!



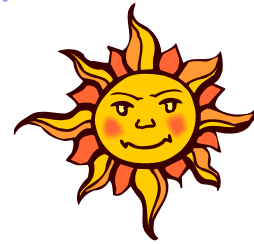
We will be publishing the details of our plans for summer activities this year very shortly. Watch this space!

### From the Governing Body:

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,  
This year has certainly been full for everyone involved in the Nursery and the Children's Centre. All of the staff have enjoyed teaching your children, and we hope that you have enjoyed your year with us too and we would like to say 'thank you' to all of our parents, carers and families for bringing your child or children along to the Nursery and

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Children's Centre. Although many of your children will be moving onto primary schools later in the year, some children and families will be returning again next term and we look forward to welcoming them back in September.

The Governing Body would like to record its great gratitude to Emma, our Head, and to all the staff who have worked so hard to carry the school and centre forward. We would also like to record our gratitude to all the parents and carers who worked so hard to make the Summer Fair and 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party such a happy occasion.

We wish you a wonderful summer and hopefully we will see you at the Celebration Evening on 9 July.

Jonathan Davies-Jones, Chair of Governors.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Balham Nursery School and Children's Centre Questionnaire. In order to make our website more suited to your needs, we would like to hear the views of our parents, staff and governors and suggestions for improvements.

Once completed please return to Reception or email to [admin@balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk)

Thank you.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> and final newsletter of this school year.....

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