

# BALHAM NURSERY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

## NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 1 - 2016

### **SUMMER CELEBRATION**

Our summer fair will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11:00-1:30**  
Please do come along and enjoy the celebrations and activities. All are welcome.

### **The PSFA are currently looking for all the help they can get!**

Please contact the PSFA - Elaine (Priya's Mum) in Front Class or Sasha in the Children's Centre for more information.



### **Transitions and Goodbyes**

At the end of term in July we will be saying goodbye to most of our children who have had their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday by 31<sup>st</sup> August. There is a list on the noticeboard of schools children are attending. Please speak with your key person, class teacher or a member of SLT if you have any school or transition worries.

As the term progresses we support this in as many creative ways as possible in order to meet the needs of individuals and groups of children. On 20<sup>th</sup> June we are holding a session for parents on how to manage transition, which can be a challenging period for the whole family. Further details to follow.

### **Babysitters needed!**

Our lovely guinea pigs, Rosie and Rio, and our tortoise, Jamie, need a home for the half term. They come with food and bedding and are no trouble at all! If you are interested please speak to a member of staff.



### **Dates for your Diary:**

Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> May – Don't forget the **half term holiday**. Please see Term Dates.

<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Tues 12 Apr</b>	<b>Fri 27 May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Mon 30 May</b>	<b>Fri 3 Jun</b>
<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Tues 7 Jun</b>	<b>Weds 20 Jul</b>

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED.**

### **July 11, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Parent/Carer Teacher Conferences.**

The signup sheet will be displayed in each of the classes a fortnight prior to these dates.

### **REPORTS**

These will go out to parents of children leaving the nursery at the end of this term on the 8<sup>th</sup> July to give you a chance to read them before parent/teacher conferences. A lot of hard work goes into the report by the teachers, so please do read and enjoy!

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### **The sun will probably have his hat on – again - so we need to too!**

We know we said it before but just a few reminders about summer clothing. Please make sure your child wears **enclosed** shoes or sandals, not open-toed shoes – this is for safety reasons! Please also ensure your child has a hat for sunny days and that you have applied sun screen/sun block before you come to school.

We will re-apply children's high factor sun screen at lunch time for those children staying all day.



Just a friendly reminder about earrings. Children should only wear small studs to school. Any hoops or larger earrings are a safety hazard and can cause some nasty injuries. Please do ensure your child is appropriately dressed for school.

**As the sun comes out children take coats and jumpers off. Please ensure their name is written inside clothing.**

### **Beginning and end of Nursery sessions**

**School starts at 9:00am and the end of the school day finishes at 3:10pm**

Please ensure that you arrive and collect your child on time and you leave the building promptly. It is really important that children and adults vacate the front garden as soon as possible at the end of the day. This is to ensure that Hollie in reception can continue with her working

day uninterrupted – she is a very busy lady indeed!

Unfortunately the front door has seen some damage over the last week. It is really important that you shut the door carefully and please do not allow your children to bang or tap on it at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you.

### **Staffing**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

I am pleased to announce that Jo Henley – one of our Nursery Nurses in Back Class has officially been accepted onto her teacher training course. Jo will stay with us next year as a 'trainee teacher' and will be supported by our Deputy Head – Nicola. I'm sure you will agree with me when I say that Jo is incredibly well equipped for the role and is a fantastic practitioner. I look forward to working with her in this capacity more closely.

**Congratulations Jo!**

#### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

Further to the notification of one parent governor vacancy, I received three nominations. A ballot process was undertaken, and after the count of ballot papers I am able to let you know that Christina (Kitty) Dearman (Front Class parent) has been duly elected as your Parent Governor representative.

I am very grateful to all the candidates who stood for nomination and thank them for their interest and commitment to the school.

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### **Children's Centre News**

#### **Half Term Activities** **30th May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**10am-12pm**

#### **Rise and Shine Stay and Play** **Under 7 year olds**

Lots of enjoyable activities for your children inside and outside.

The Speech and Language Therapist will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**10am-11.30am**

#### **Messy Play at Balham Library** **Under 6 year olds**



**Please book your place with Hollie.**

Spaces are limited to 25 children

Looking for activities to do over the half term? Go to [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis)

Lots of activities for you and your family including many that are free.

### **Coming up:**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**9am-11.15am**

#### **Cooking on a budget**

Learn how to provide healthy, tasty meals for your family while saving money!

**Please book with Hollie**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm**  
**First Aid for Dads**

Dads, come along and learn how to apply First Aid for your children under 3 years old.

**Please book with Hollie**

