

Balham Nursery School & Children's Centre

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SUMMER FAIR

Our summer fair will be held this Saturday the 2nd July 11:00-2:00. Please do come along and enjoy the celebrations and activities. All are welcome.

The PFSA are currently looking for all the help they can get! Please do have a look at the notice board for more information.

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



Possible Strike Action

Please be advised that there is likely to be strike action by The National Union of Teachers on Tuesday 5th July. **As a result Balham Nursery School will be closed to all children on TUESDAY 5TH JULY.** Staff who are not members of the unions taking strike action will be in school but the ratio of adults to children throughout the day will not be adequate to ensure children's safety. We hope that the notice we have given is helpful to you in making alternative arrangements for your child/ren where necessary, but very

much apologize for the inconvenience caused.

CELEBRATION EVENING

Thursday July 14th 6PM

Our celebration evening on **Thursday 14th July 2016** 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 Educator Eloise. **Please join us at Balham Library 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 7th, and the first 3 days are MORNING SESSIONS ONLY.** We look forward to seeing you in the next academic year!

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

These will take place on the evening of the **11th July and throughout the day on the 12th and 13th July 2016.** 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 Wednesday 20th July

On this day **all children** are invited to attend in the morning for a party. We will be ending the session with a communal picnic and there will be plenty of fun, food and farewells to those children who are leaving.

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



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.

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 Back Class teacher – Aimee, our Learning Support Assistants Joyce and Erin, as well as Sylvia in the 2 year olds and Steph in Back Class for all their hard work this year. We will hope to see Aimee working with us again in September.

I am pleased to announce that we will be welcoming two new members of staff - Alice Buckett who will be joining us in September as a new Nursery Nurse. Alice will be replacing Jo Henley – who is beginning her teacher training with us. We have also recruited Vanessa Carroll – who will be joining us in September also – as a 2 year old support worker.

September 2016/2017 will also represent some other staffing changes:

Camilla, will be moving to become our Special Needs Coordinator (SENCo) and will work 3 days a week – non classed based. Dee Dawson will move from the 2 year olds over to replace Camilla as Front Class teacher. She will be supported by our 2 Nursery Nurses.

Nicola Turner and Jo Henley will share Back Class while Jo completes her teacher training. They will also be supported by our 2 Nursery Nurses.

The 2 Year old team will be lead by Fiona Treadaway, who will be supported by

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Susanna Stiff, Liz Larkin and Vanessa Carroll.

Sushila Vaghela, one of our long standing Lunchtime Supervisors, who has been working at BNSCC for 12 years is retiring at the end of this year. We will be really sad to see her go, but I'm sure she will enjoy the relaxing life of retirement.

Another of our Lunchtime Supervisors, Sabita Debi will be starting her maternity leave in the autumn term – and I know that you will join me in wishing both Sushila and Sabita all the best for their next endeavours!



Babysitters needed!

Our lovely guinea pigs need a home for the summer. There is the option to 'time share' Rio and Rosie with other families too so you don't need to commit for the entire holiday. They come with food and bedding and are no trouble at all! If you are interested, please speak to Hollie.

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.

Children's Centre

The last term has been a busy one for the Children's Centre with sessions including Parenting sessions; Sports Day for the Two Year Olds; 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!!



Look out for our E-Safety session on Monday 4th July 9.15am-10.45am which will help you to think about how to manage your child's safety on-line. Speak to Hollie to book your place.

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

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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 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 our fundraising events such great fun and community spirited.

We wish you a wonderful summer and hopefully we will see you at the Celebration Evening on 14th July.
Katharina Kieslich , Chair of Governors.

Thank you.

This is the 6th and final newsletter of this school year.....

**WE WISH EVERYONE A
WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK
AND ALL THE BEST FOR THOSE
THAT ARE LEAVING US!**



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