

Newsletter December 2016



Important Dates:

December 2016

Parent Forum- Tuesday 13th December, 9am and 12.45pm.

Blue & Green Room visit to *Room on the Broom* on Thursday 08th December.

Rainbow AM & Group 1 ED visit to *The Glitter Bugs* on Wednesday 14th December, closed to PM.

Rainbow PM & Group 2 ED visit to *The Glitter Bugs* on Friday 16th December, closed to AM.

Nativity – Thursday 15th December, 11am and 2.45pm

Last day of term – Tuesday 20th December 2016 for government funded children, Friday 23rd December for privately funded children.

January 2017

Nursey will re-open to ALL children on Tuesday 03rd January.

INSET Day – Nursey will be closed to ALL children on Friday 06th January.



Welcome to our **December** newsletter.

We can't believe how quickly the year has progressed and we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term.

Your children have well and truly settled into the provision and we are very excited to chart the progress they have made and share that information with you in January.

Thank you for taking the time to vote for our **Mindfulness Matters** project through Aviva. Whilst we got 1307 votes in total, it wasn't enough to get into the finals. We will continue to explore other options regarding additional funding in order to run projects like this.

Don't forget that the deadline to apply for your child's **September 2017**

Reception place is coming soon; **15th January 2016**. I trust that you have taken the time to consider your different options and visited the schools in order to make the most informed decision about your child's education. If you haven't already, please let us know what your first preference is; someone in our office team will take the details.

Our next **Parent Forum** is on **Tuesday 13th December at 9am & 12.45pm** and the topic is **Early Writing**. We will provide you with practical tools and take you on a tour of the nursery so you can see how we assess children's developing writing. We

strongly encourage you to attend one of these sessions as they provide you with valuable ideas and tips to help your child make progress in school. We are working hard to try and improve parent engagement in our school and this is one way we hope to raise our profile. We look forward to having you join us at all of our monthly Parent Forum sessions.

During our last Parent Forum on Positive Parenting / Behaviour Management we talked about **Triple P**, our (Positive Parenting Programme) and asked you to sign up to register your interest. We have one running at Curwen Primary School, commencing **Monday 9th January 2017 at 9am** and if you are interested, you will need to sign up at the front office. If you would prefer to attend a Triple P programme at Rebecca Cheetham, sign up to our waiting list and we will decide on some dates in the future.

We sent out a letter to all our parents last month advising them of the need to wait in the foyer whilst a member of staff takes your child into the room or picks them up outside of the standard times 8:45am and 11:45am in the morning and 12:30pm and 3:30pm in the afternoon. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this. Whilst we had some teething problems to begin with, we believe that everyone is now on board and understand that this is the best way to ensure your

Nursery Opening Times

Extended day 8.00am to 5.50pm

Top up 8.45am to 3.30pm

Morning place 8.45am to 11.45am

Attendance and Punctuality

Nursery Total: 90.3%

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is proven that constant absence can be a major disruption to your child's development.

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us on the day and fill in an absence slip on their return to nursery.

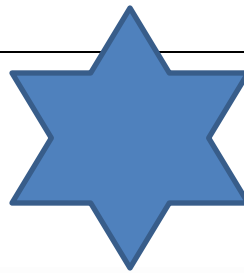
We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child get a certificate?

Our 100% Attendance children can be found further in the newsletter. We are excited at the great number of children who achieved 100%!

Book prizes are given at the end of the academic year to those children who have fantastic attendance results.

100% Attendance Results

Skylah	Eweansetin
Amira	Kevin
Haaroon	Kiran
Jorge	Micah
CJ	Talayah
Maggie May	Niah
Audrey	William
Scout	Maryum
Maria	Daria- Maria
Andrei	Iasmina
Olivver	Wail
George	Cameron
Levi	Eunice
Emily	



Classroom Christmas Parties



All three classrooms will be celebrating the end of the year in the lead up to the Christmas break with some classroom parties. We encourage parents/carers to help the children in their celebrations by checking the lists provided in your child's classroom and adding your name to a particular item. This will ensure we have a good selection of things we need for the party and not too much replication.

Party date: Monday 12th December 2016

child's learning environment is not disrupted.

Christmas is just around the corner and the children have been busy practicing their songs for the **Nativity** performance on **Thursday 15th December 2016**; the morning show will take place at **11am** and the afternoon session at **2:45pm**. Extended Day and 30 Hour children can attend either how. Please join us and support the huge effort that goes into making this a successful day every year.

Don't forget to hand in your permission forms for our annual theatre event; **Room on the Broom**, scheduled for **Thursday 8th December** for Green and Blue Room children. Rainbow parents need to hand back your forms for the **Discover** educational visit taking place on **14th and 16th December**.

Please take note of our **closing dates** for Christmas which you can find on the **Important Dates** section on the first page of the newsletter.

Don't forget to like us on **Facebook**, add us on **Twitter** and download our **school app** so you are always aware of the latest goings on in the nursery and Children's center.

READING SCHEME

We are well and truly into our new reading initiative and lots of parents/carers have already taken advantage of borrowing additional books to take home and read with their children.

Don't forget to collect the stickers on your reading passport to make you eligible for reading themed prizes such as bookmarks, Discover Centre discounts and your own books to take home and keep.

The biggest prize of them all is the opportunity for you and your child to bond over reading. The best way for your child to develop a love of reading is simple; **READ TO THEM!**

Make reading a part of your daily routine. In no time, you will look forward to reading time as much as your child/ren.

Mondays from 11:30am and 3:15pm

Children's Centre News



Working together to give children The Best Start in Life

Volunteer

Can you spare a few hours a week volunteering in your local area? Would you like to gain knowledge to deliver health promotion and support to families with children under five? Relevant training will be provided.

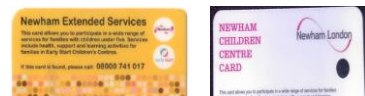
For more information contact:

Jane Hodges, Early Start Volunteer Engagement Worker

Call **020 3373 0580** or email: jane.hodges@newham.gov.uk

Children's Centre Cards

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to please ensure that you bring your Membership Cards to all groups that you attend.



Toilet Training Workshop

Get tips and share ideas on how to help your child use the toilet. If your child has already turned 3 and is not toilet trained, we strongly encourage you to attend.

**20th February 2017,
1:00pm-3:00pm.**

Booking essential and creche provided.

IT IS HERE!

Our BABY PASSPORT!

Our Baby Passport will allow you to collect stamps when you attend various baby centered sessions in the Stratford and West Ham Community Neighbourhood.

Collect enough stamps to receive book prizes and certificates!

Move it to Music

A fun and interactive session designed for children with their parent and carers to get active through music and dance.

**Stratford Library
1:30pm-2:30pm.
Term time only.**

Don't forget to collect your points.

Stay and Play

A fun and interactive session for mums, dads, carers & family members with children under 5.

**Ranelagh Primary
9:10am-11:00am. Term time only.**

Baby Clinic – Taster Play Session

**New
session!**

Have fun with us whilst you wait to be seen by the Health Visitor. Gather information about our services and find out what we have to offer you and your family.

**Liberty Bridge Practice
E20 1AS**

**Every 1st and 2nd Thursday,
1:30pm-3:30pm.**

Free services for families with children under five

January to March 2017

Forging forces to give children the Best Start in life

Stratford & West Ham Community Neighbourhood

Rebecca Cheatham Nursery & Children's Centre
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Email: info@rebeccacheatham.newham.sch.uk

**Our new
calendar is
coming soon!
We can't wait
for you to see
what's inside!**

Road Safety at Rebecca Cheetham

We were very lucky to have our local Police Officers, PC Sue and PC John spend time with our children to discuss Road Safety. The children were very excited to have our visitors in to talk to them and they were certainly impressed with their uniforms.

In keeping with the messages that were imparted on the day, make sure you exercise road safety principles outside of nursery.

All the children had practice with the message, "Stop, Look and Listen" before you cross the road. Make sure you encourage your children to do this when crossing roads and always ensure you wait for the Green Man crossing signal. Our children are watching every step we take! Let's be a great example.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT REBECCA CHEETHAM

Are you skilled in getting children to, at the very least, try everything on their plate?
Do you understand the importance of a healthy, nutritious meal and can talk to children about the foods they like to eat and how their day is going?
Is sitting around the table to eat together something you think is important?
Do you have a caring and compassionate nature and an affinity to working with children?

If you answered 'yes' to the above then we would love to have you join our Rebecca Cheetham lunchtime team as a **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR**.

Please provide us with your CV and a supporting letter outlining your skills, relevant experience and qualifications. This is a paid work opportunity for 1.15 hours per day, 6.15 hours per week, with the opportunity for further hours when required. The shifts on offer are from 11:15am – 12.30pm or 11:40am and 12:55pm.

We look forward to hearing from you.