

Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2016



Important Dates:

February 2017

Parent Forum – Outdoor Play 7th February 9am & 12.45pm

Parent Survey closes – 10th February 2017

Half Term Break – 13th February to 17th February 2017

Toilet Training Workshop – 20th February 1pm – 3pm

March 2017

World Book Day – 2nd March 2017

World Book Day Parade and FRED celebration – 2nd March 2017

Parent Forum – Early Reading 14th March 2017 9am & 12.45pm

Parent Consultations (all week) commencing 20th March 2017



Welcome to our first newsletter for the year.

We hope that you had a great festive season and got to spend time with your family and friends.

We have had an extremely pleasing start to the year and the **data** from the **Autumn** term suggested that our children have made some fantastic progress. In every single area of the data that we analyse, the children have made either expected progress or above expected progress. What an absolutely fantastic result. You can have a closer look at the data by downloading our school **mobile app** where you can find the data pack plus a whole range of information including the planning from Green/Blue Room so you can see exactly what kinds of things your child is learning at nursery.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our last **Parent Forum** where we did a workshop on **Phonics**. Twenty six families joined us for the workshop and my hope is they took away some valuable tips and advice to help their children develop at home. Our next Parent Forum is **Tuesday 7th February** and the topic is **Outdoor Play** which is an extremely important topic to learn more on, especially when we may be finding it difficult to contemplate why our children may want to play outside when the weather is so cold. Sessions are at **9am & 12.45pm** and you can book your place

now.

We pride ourselves at Rebecca Cheetham, that we allow children to explore and investigate the provision at their will and this means **playing outside** when the weather is cold and wet. To aid in this, please bring in a pair of **wellington boots** that your child can use at nursery and also make sure they have a **waterproof jacket** to ensure their clothes underneath do not get wet. The staff will endeavor to make sure that children do not go home with wet sleeves or clothes, but if that does happen, please speak directly to one of the key workers in the classroom and once they are free, they will happily help you and your child out.

A gentle reminder to all our parents/carers to make sure you provide us with your **email address** so we can make sure our half termly **observations** are sent directly to your email inbox. Your children's key workers work very hard ensuring they are collecting information on your child to provide you of an overview of how your child is getting on at nursery. If you want further information about how your child is getting on or if you have particular concerns about their development, please arrange an appointment to speak to the key worker; we will be more than happy to accommodate. We find this mode of

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: 89.0

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.

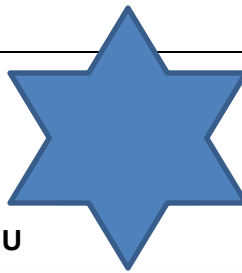
We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child get a certificate?

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

Safir A	Holly M	Leah T
Amira A	Scout M	Samar U
Yasin A	Aidan M	
Sarah B	Emily M	
Blake B	Alyssia N	
Leony C	Maria N	
Mason E	Ethan P	
Eli G	Iasmina P	
Ashaz H	Hary S	
Benett K	Inara S	
Sophia K	Gabrielle S	
Shrinav K	Rajveer S	
Audrey L	Wail S	



Learning Bags

We are very happy to have our learning bags back for our families to enjoy and Sarah has been working hard to get them all ready and prepared. She will be out in the foyer every second **Wednesday** (from the 25th January 2017) at **8.45am** or **3.15pm**. Outside of these hours, please speak to a member of the office team. Take advantage of another great opportunity to help develop play opportunities at home!



contact more successful than parent evenings dotted throughout the year which have been very poorly attended. In this way, conversations can happen in the moment and are timely and relevant.

For our **extended day** parents, we will endeavor to let you know at pick up time of any issues that occurred regarding your child such as if they had an accident or didn't eat any of their lunch, but if we don't provide any information, don't fret; it's because they have had a great day and there is nothing to report. It is also timely to remind you that our team work on shift rotas so may not always be available when you come to drop off or pick up.

We are very sad to announce that two members of our nursery team will be leaving us in the next few weeks to pursue other endeavors; a huge thank you and farewell to **Anca** in Rainbow and **Farha** in Blue Room. We wish you both all the very best in the future.

We will be welcoming some new team members in the upcoming weeks, but one person we can confirm is **Michelle**, who will be joining our Best Start In Life team as an Early Years Practitioner. We have also welcomed **Sumaya**, who has started her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at Rebecca Cheetham. We are very excited to have you on our team.

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

Twenty eight families have taken up our Reading Passport Challenge and are moving closer to receiving their rewards for borrowing books to read at home.

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

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



Made of Money

Ideas on making your money go further. Relaxed workshops using different techniques to help you gain confidence, save the fun way and improve your finances and give your children a head start.

Rebecca Cheetham CC

4 week course

Commencing: 6th March 2017
1:30pm-2:30pm.

Booking essential and creche provided.

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!

Family Play

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

Rebecca Cheetham CC
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

9:30am-11:00am

Baby Clinic – Taster Play 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

1st and 2nd Thursday of each month.

1:30pm-3:30pm.

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Text boxes:
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

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Learning Without Limits

We were very lucky to attend, as an entire setting, the Annual Learning Without Limits Early Years Conference. It was inspiring to spend the day together as a team, alongside 200 other early years focused minds to learn more about how we can develop our practice and be even better practitioners.

We were thrilled to hear from Professor Ferre Leavers who told us, "If you want to be optimistic about the future, work with children." We all felt very lucky that we got to experience this revered Early Years pioneer speak to us and we certainly left feeling very inspired and enthusiastic.

We also had an opportunity to discover good practice in other settings and new ideas to take back to our setting with the variety of workshops on offer in the afternoon.



Annual Parent Survey

Please take the time to take our Parent Survey for the 2016/2017 school year. We really value your opinion and the time it takes to provide us with your views. Our aim is to have all our parents/carers take the survey. See the address below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RC17>

Thank you very much for your assistance. The survey closes on 10th February.

A few reminders

Please ensure that if you are organising for someone else to pick up your child from nursery, that you inform the front office and provide them and the person picking up with a password. This makes things much more swift and easy at pick up time and ensures we are following safeguarding procedures.

We would also like to remind you to call into the nursery to tell us if your child will be absent that day. Our advice is if they have a cough and cold and are still quite active and energetic, to bring them into nursery.

We will be providing further details in our next newsletter and in our app, but can we ask that you start thinking about a World Book Day costume for your child. Prizes will be awarded to the most original and the ones that show the most effort. World Book day is on Thursday 2nd March 2017 and we will be holding a Book day character parade.