

Newsletter November 2017



Important Dates:

October 2017

Monday 23rd October 2017 – Half term break (nursery closed to Government Funded children)

Monday 30th October 2017 – All children return to nursery after Half term break.



November 2017

Friday 10th November 2017 – School Photographer in

Tuesday 21st November 2017 – Parent Forum: Behaviour Management

December 2017

Monday 18th December 2017 – End of Term Break (nursery closed to Government Funded children).

Friday 22nd December 2017 – Nursery closed for all children. All children return Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Don't forget to check your Childcare Choices account to ensure you have re-registered your child's 30 hour funding for next term.

Welcome to our November newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Reception Admissions Parent Forum. We had a great attendance and hopefully you found the information useful and you have some strategies for finding the best school for your child's needs. If you haven't picked up a **Reception Admissions Guide**, ask at the front office. Remember you must send in your admission application by **January 15th 2017**. Late applications run a great risk on missing out on your chosen place.

Our next **Parent Forum** is on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 9am, 12.45pm and 4.30pm. The topic is Behavior Management and we will give you an idea of what behavior looks like in the nursery and give you some behavior management strategies to take home and try for yourself. Sign up at the front office and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are excited to offer parents in Green and Blue Room an opportunity to spend a little time in the rooms with their children before our carpet session begins. Please see letter further in the newsletter for more details.

We would also be really grateful if you could spend some time having a look through your child's **Special Book** (Blue and Green Room) and leaving a comment. It really is a wonderful celebration of the work your child has been doing in nursery and your child's key worker has spent some time putting it all

together so you can see the progress they are making.

We are very happy that we have been able to offer flexible **30 hour places** to our eligible families. If you want to check eligibility please refer to the panel on the next page for criteria and where to sign up. For those families who already utilise the 30 hours, it is absolutely essential that you check and reconfirm your details through your Child Care Choices government account as soon as possible as failure to do so will mean that you will not receive the funding for the next term and we will be unable to offer the 30 hours. The government require you check and reconfirm your details **every term**. They do not send you an email directly so checking into your account is essential. Once you've got the confirmation could you please inform a member of the office team.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and the staff at Rebecca Cheetham receive regular training to ensure they have all the information they need to make sure your child is safe and protected from harm. We have included some helpful links further in the newsletter to inform parents on how they can stay up-to-date on what is relevant to know in regards to safeguarding. Remember conversations with your child on difficult topics should be little and often and age appropriate.

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: 92.8%

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.

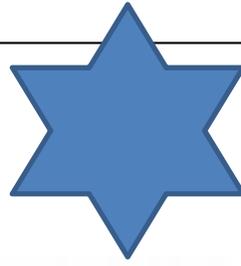
We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child get a certificate?

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

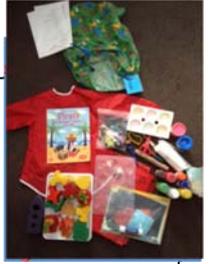
Book prizes are given at the end of the academic year to those children who have fantastic attendance results.

100% Attendance Results

Sofia A	Zackery
Emily B	Leony
Eli	Fares
Awaan	Ziman
Zoya	Daniel
Audrey	Harith
Mayann	Emily M
Kayleb	Ravel-Raul
Colby	Alyssia
Sarim	Tristan
Muna	Anthony
Aileen	Maya
Inara	Maria
Mario	Miren
Nadezhda	Imtiaj
Nailah	Zachary
Vladislav	Levi
Courtney-Chan	Aylah
Jasper	



Learning Bags



We have had a great response to the relaunch of our learning bags which is fantastic. We need to remind families that they **must return the learning bag within two weeks** to ensure other families can utilise the bag.

Sarah will be out in the foyer every second **Wednesday** at **8.45am** or **3.15pm**. Outside of these hours, please speak to a member of the office team.

Don't forget to make sure you are utilising the **Green Home Book** to celebrate the wonderful learning that takes place at home. Remember that learning through play is the key to long lasting and meaningful learning.

We have been celebrating **Black History Month** and **Diwali** this half term and children have been given some wonderful opportunities to get some insight into food, culture and traditions through the nursery provision. Your child's special books will give you an insight into how the children have been celebrating and the planning will also give you a deeper understanding of what goes on during the Adult Focus Tasks.

As the weather becomes more unpredictable we encourage you to make sure your child comes to nursery in **weather appropriate clothing**. Wellington Boots are great for children to access our wonderful outdoor provision without getting their shoes wet and it is worth investing in a water-proof jacket/coat. We encourage children to make their own choices as to how they use the provision and sometimes they will want to experience playing in the rain or in our newly repaired water feature which can be a wonderful learning experience for them. We will do our best to make sure children are putting on coats and jackets during inclement weather to help protect them from the elements. We have also invested in waterproof rainsuits for children to utilize in the setting but obviously we can't have one for everyone so we need your help in this.

Have a wonderful November and don't forget to like our **facebook** page and follow us on **twitter**.

30 HOURS ELIGIBILITY

Will I qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or c.£6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or c.£5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old and £56 a week for apprentices in their first year.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If one or both parents is a non-EEA national, the parent applying must have recourse to public funds

Please go to the following website for further details and to make your application:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Best Start In Life (Children's Centre)

Some highlights from our Activity Calendar

Cook it Together (2-5 year olds)

A great bonding session to share with your child through cooking.
Learn the benefits of cooking with your child, whilst creating yummy foods.

9:30am-11:30am. Booking essential.

Please note that each session will need to be booked separately.

Healthy Non Cooking Recipes- **13th November 2017**

Healthy Eating Recipes- **20th November 2017**

Healthy Baking Recipes- **27th November 2017**

FE2 Parent Workshops

Workshops for families in receipt of an FE2 placement, but any parent is more than welcome to attend, to highlight the importance of the following topics:

Water Play- 7th November 2017

Outdoor Play- 21st November 2017

Early Reading- 5th December 2017

1:00pm-2:00pm. Booking essential. Creche provided.

Safeguarding Children

What do we need to know?

A relaxed workshop to help parent/ carers learn about child protection and gain a better understanding of the importance of safeguarding children.

Booking essential, Creche provided.

6th December 2017, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Nutrition Training for Parents/ Carers

Gain tips and advice from the Nutrition Team around how to support your toddler's eating habits and discover ways to encourage healthy eating.

Booking essential. Creche provided.

29th November 2017, 10:00am- 11:00am

Hassle Free Outings

Learn different strategies to use to have a stress free outing with your child/ren.

Exploring ways to plan ahead to deal with challenging behaviours.

Booking essential. Creche provided.

10th November 2017 1:00pm-3:00pm

Ace your interview

Delivered by the National Careers Service

This is a confidence building workshop to prepare you for an interview. Practice responding to interview questions and gain tips and strategies to use to get that job you want.

Booking essential. Creche provided

24th November 2017 1:00pm-3:00pm

Toilet Training Workshop

Get tips, share experiences and ideas on how to help your child use the toilet.

Booking essential. Creche provided.

1st December 2017 12:45pm-2:45pm



Make sure your two year old has had their two year old Health Review check with the Health Visitor. Our aim is that every two year old will have completed this check.

This review will cover:

- general development, including movement, speech, social skills and behaviour, and hearing and vision
- growth, healthy eating and keeping active
- managing behaviour and encouraging good sleeping habits
- tooth brushing and going to the dentist
- keeping your child safe
- vaccinations