

# Newsletter **October 2017**



## Important Dates:

### October 2017

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Parent Forum: Primary School Places  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10.30am  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Deadline to recheck and reconfirm 30 hours eligibility  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – Half term break (nursery closed to Government Funded children)  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – All children return to nursery after Half term break.

### November 2017

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 – Parent Forum: Behaviour Management

### December 2017

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – End of Term Break (nursery closed to Government Funded children).  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 – Nursery closed for all children. All children return Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Govt. funded dates for this academic year are attached to this newsletter.



Welcome to our October newsletter.

We have been so thrilled with the wonderful start to the year the children have had. Settling in has been a relatively smooth transition this year and children are happy and engaging with the provision as we would hope and expect.

We are very sad that we have had to say goodbye to Chris (Green Room Teacher) and we wish him all the very best. We are excited to have Sadie with us to replace Chris for the interim until we find a permanent replacement. Sadie has a wealth of teaching experience and has settled into the settled fabulously well. We welcome her warmly to Rebecca Cheetham.

For those families who have children moving to Reception in September (if your child turns four (4) before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018), we are holding a **Reception Admissions Parent Forum** on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9am, 12.45pm and 4.30pm**. We will be handing the Reception packs out to every eligible family and talk you through what you should do to find the right setting for your child and give some advice on how to fill out the online form. We will also answer any questions you may have regarding Reception and Primary School. You can sign up at the front office so we have an idea of numbers attending. We look forward to see you.

The Children's Centre is hosting a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 between 9am to 10.30am**. We are aware that it clashes with our Parent Forum but we will encourage you to grab a cake, make a donation and then rejoin the coffee morning after the session. Please show your support to this very worthwhile cause.

A huge thank you to the 28 families who joined us for our **Introduction to Nursery** information session. We were very pleased with the turn out and we hope those families who joined us walked away armed with a wealth of information on what the nursery does to support your child's development.

We are very excited to announce that we have now achieved the third stage of the **Green Schools award**, which is the **Gold Award**. Congratulations to Raj and the rest of the nursery team for their outstanding work in this area.

You should have all received a letter inviting you to nominate yourself or someone else to join our governing body as a **Parent Governor**. Applications close on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. We look forward to welcoming our latest governing body recruit to help ensure we continue to improve on the already wonderful work that we do.

We are very happy that we have been able to offer flexible **30 hour places** to

## 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: 93.4%**

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.

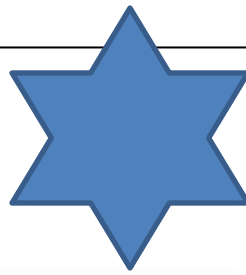
We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child get a certificate?

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	Sofia A
Amira	Joseph
Emily B	Barnabas
Adam	Eli
Lemuel	Fares
Awaan	Princess
Ziman	Zoya
Kairui	Daniel
Audrey	Holly
Harith	Scout
Zayn	Isabel
Colby	Alyssia
Sarim	Maria
Abdul	Aileen
Inara	Gabrielle
Rajveer S	Mario
Mihnea	Sofia T
Miren	Nadezhda
Imtiaj	Priyansh
Zachary	Vladislav
Levi	Ahmad
Zexi	Menna



## 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.

eligible families. If you want to check eligibility please refer to the panel on the right hand side of this page for criteria and where to sign up. For those families who already utilize the 30 hours, it is absolutely essential that you check and reconfirm your details with the childcare support website by **19 October 2017** 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.

By now, every child should have received their book bag and the **Green Home Book**. We spent some time explaining the Green Home Book to parents/carers during the Information Session to help guide you through what we would like to see in the Home Book. To aid this, the first page of the book offers you some guidance but if you would like further information please speak to the classroom teachers or Rohan at the doors during drop off/pick up.

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 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.

Have a wonderful October 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?*

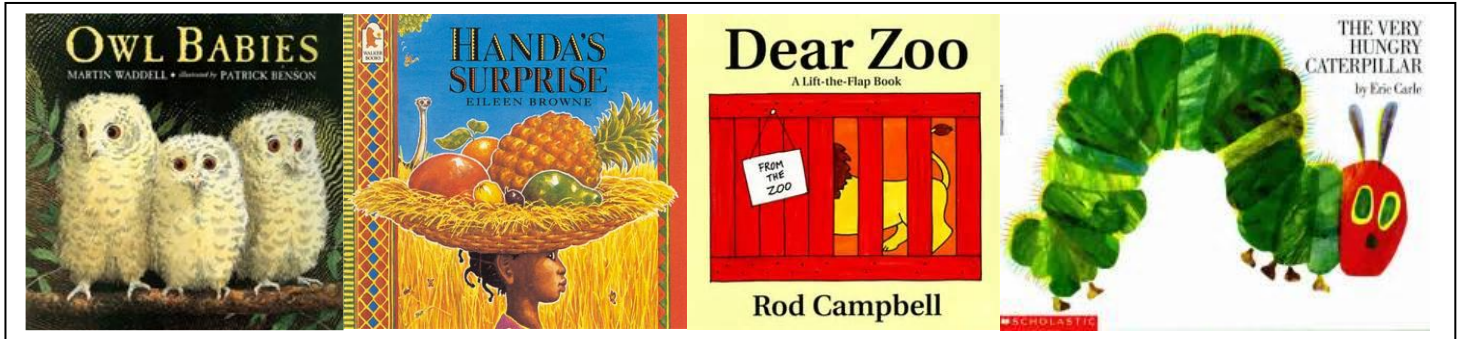
Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- 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/>**

## What we are reading in the Nursery



If you have access to these books at home, spending time reading these books will help continue your child's learning and help develop a love of books. Don't forget our **Reading Passport** which will unlock opportunities to get certificates and win book prizes. Find out more details at the Front Office.

## Rebecca Cheetham app.

Rebecca Cheetham has it's own mobile app. which we encourage you to download to help stay abreast of what's going on in the nursery. The planning for Green and Blue Room is uploaded to the app every week so you can have a look at the different things that your children will be exposed to throughout the week. Having a knowledge of the learning that takes place in the nursery can help you ask meaningful questions of your children and give you an idea of how you can continue play opportunities at home. The app is free and can be downloaded to iPhone and Android handsets. In other tech news, we encourage you to like our facebook page and follow us on twitter so you are kept up to date on the goings on in our Children's Centre.



## Rebecca Cheetham Reception Leavers results

We are thrilled to let you know how well our Nursery children did during the last academic year and the fantastic progress they made to make sure they were **Reception Ready** before commencing Primary School. In all 17 areas of the Early Years framework our children, on average, were at **expected levels for entry into Reception** and throughout their time with us made **above expected levels of progress**.

We want to further build on this wonderful achievement by expanding our parent partnership work and utilising the Green Home Book to help inform our assessments of the children. Please join us for our Parent Forum events and take the time to have a look through your child's Special Book (Blue and Green Room) and make comments. We will send you observations of your child's progress at the end of every half term and you are welcome to make comments on this as well by responding to the PDF email. We will be providing you with further information on how you can also share photos and videos of your child's achievements and milestones with us to help form their assessments.

## Rebecca Cheetham BSIL Children's Centre

Our latest Activity Calendar has been released and there is so much that you can access to give you support as a parent and to offer your child opportunities to play alongside other children. Collect a calendar from our front office or download it from our website or facebook page. Some sessions requiring booking so if you are interested in anything sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



# Rebecca Cheetham Nursery

## 2017 - 2018 Government Funded Top-Up Calendar

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### INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2017  
 \*\*Monday 18th December 2017  
 Monday 8th January 2018  
 Thursday 29th March 2018  
 Tuesday 8th May 2018

\*\*Government Funded Inset

INSET Dates



### HOLIDAY DATES

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct 2017 - Autumn Half Term  
 Tues 19th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2018 - Christmas Break  
 Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2018 - Spring Half Term  
 Fri 30th Mar - Fri 13th Apr 2018 - Easter Break  
 Monday 7th May 2018 - Early May Bank Holiday  
 Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June 2018 - Spring Bank Holiday  
 Wed 25th July - TBA - Summer Holiday

Holiday Dates



Extended Day Parents/carers, please collect the term dates from the office or look on our website.