

## Newsletter 1

September 2019

Dear parents and carer's,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year and a big warm welcome to all the new families that are joining us this term. We hope that you and your children settle in smoothly.

Just a quick reminder about who we all are and our roles within the school:

Leadership Team		Reception Staff	
Sally	Head Teacher	Louise	Senior Admin Officer
Becky	Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCO	Noreen	Receptionist
Laura	School Business Manager	George	Premises Manager
Kirsten	Class Teacher	Cecil	Cook
Shelley	Room Leader (3-5yrs)		
Yvonne	Room Leader (0-2 years)		
Laura F	Room Leader (2-3 yrs)		

Baby Room Staff	Toddler Room Staff	Ocean Room Staff
Yvonne	Laura	Kirsten
Monika	Bek	Shelley
Kara	Jaqueline	Ruzi
Olga	Noorheza	Joni
Veverley	Tara	Carol
Michelle	Ubah	Jodie
Sharon	Carly	Khadijah
	Stefania	Paige (Works across school)
	Camilla	

All children will be allocated a key person who should be the person that you discuss your child's progress/concerns with.

Becky our SENDCO is in school Monday - Thursday to meet with parents who may be concerned about their child's development such as speech and language or social communication skills.

Laura S our Business manager and Louise on reception are in school every day to manage your queries regarding payments, places and free entitlement to early education.

### **New staff**

This School year we welcome Noreen and Camilla. Camilla has joined toddler room team as an educational support worker and Noreen has replaced Margaret in reception. They are both settling in well and we are happy for them to join us.

Cath Rive continues to work in Ocean Room every other Tuesday. We use our Pupil Premium Grant money to fund Cath working with children on art and design projects.

Aisha Zhaid also continues to work with small groups and individual children in her play therapy work. This work is so valuable to our children and we are able to fund this out of our additional needs budget.

### **Achievement and Progress**

All staff observe children during play to record significant progress that children make. We believe that children learn best when they are engaged in purposeful play activities and we ensure that the learning environments provide opportunities for children to engage in activities and learning experiences that they are interested in and that challenge their thinking and learning.

We record how your children are learning through short observations and photos which capture moments of significant achievement. Our new online record keeping system is called Blossom. A separate notice will be sent out in the next week or so and will provide you with log in details and an explanation of how the system works. **From this week there will be NO NEW updates on our current system My Nursery Child.**

Your child's key person will meet with you at least once every term to discuss your child's development and progress. Details of the dates and times will be sent to you for appointments.

If you wish to speak to your child's key person before the end of the session at 6pm, please do come 5 or 10 minutes before as staff do finish their shift at 6pm too. Alternatively, you are always welcome to make an appointment to speak to your child's key person and we will do our best to meet with you at a convenient time.

### **Fun Friday**

We will continue to organise Fun Friday's once each month as part of parents joining in their children's learning. We host exciting activities for children to share with you such as natural play outdoors, Christmas crafts, cooking and family fun days. Please join us on these occasions. Details of upcoming Fun Fridays can be found below.

### **Mealtimes and Dietary Restrictions**

Our new menu for the Autumn Term is being finalised but in the meantime, Cecil is cooking meals based on last terms three weekly menu, which can be found on our website

[www.northislingtonnursery.co.uk](http://www.northislingtonnursery.co.uk)

If your child has any food allergy/intolerance, please ensure that you notify Louise in the office and your child's key person.

### **Clothing**

Please ensure that your child has spare clothes in school every day. All other clothing should be labelled with your child's name. Often children remove clothing when playing inside or at sleep times and items can easily be misplaced if not labelled.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a new parent governor. Information regarding this post will have been circulated to you already. If you are interested in applying to joining our governing body and want to find out more, please speak to myself or Laura S.

## Reception Area

We try to ensure that the reception area is welcoming at all times. Please help us to do this by keeping the space tidy. I often find food wrappers and tissues left in the area and books left on the floor. Also, we have purchased a new treasure basket for the space and wish for children to enjoy exploring the items in it. Please remember to put the things back in the basket after your children have used it. It cost £70 and will be difficult for us to replace.

## Recycled materials

Please continue to bring in all kinds of clean and safe materials for the children to use in the classroom. We welcome donations of cardboard and cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic tubs, containers and bottles. Bottle tops and egg cartons. We also welcome material, old socks and tights and saucepans, trays and pans to use in our outdoor mud kitchens.

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

In July, the school will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are in the early stages of planning a special event to mark the occasion and will shortly be creating a working party to organise this. If you would be interested in joining the working party, please let Louise know.

We have lots of exciting activities and other events also planned for this term and the year ahead. Important dates are below.

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Bake Off and Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15-11am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun Friday: Outdoor play with natural materials 9.15am-10.30am
Monday October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term for Term Time Only (TTO) children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Fun Friday: International Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents consultation meetings
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Fun Friday: Christmas crafts and Father Christmas 1.30-3.30
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Ocean room Christmas performance
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term for TTO children
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for children who attend All Year Round (AYR)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	First day back for AYR children
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> day of term for TTO children
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Adult only Curry and Quiz night (7.30pm)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Fun Friday: Activity TBC
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Fun Friday: Easter crafts
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for TTO only children
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fun Friday : School sports
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term for TTO children
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Friday: 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation party for leavers
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED