

## Newsletter 5

January 2020

Dear parents and carer's,

Welcome back to the start of a busy new term and also, a very warm welcome to all of the new families that are joining us over the next few weeks. We hope that your children settle in smoothly. Please make sure that you know who your child's key person is so that they can support you during this time.

### Staffing

You may have noticed a new face in school during the morning period. His name is Alex and he is our newly appointed premises manager. We are delighted to have a permanent person to help us take care of the school and ensure that it is a safe and beautiful space for us to share. I hope that you are able to take the time to say hello to Alex and make him feel welcome.

### Fun Friday

Our Fun Friday this month is a parent only occasion. We are holding a Quiz and Curry night on **January 31<sup>st</sup>** and really hope that as many of you as possible can make it. The evening begins at 7.30pm where we will serve a range of currys and rice. The quiz will begin at 8.15pm. Tickets are £5.00 per person which includes food and entry to quiz. Please bring along your own drinks - alcohol is permitted!

### School Admissions

Please be reminded that admissions for Reception Class places for September 2020 is now closed. This is for those children who turn 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. If you have missed the deadline, please speak to Louise in the office or call School Admissions on 020 7527 1515.

### Governors Meeting

The next Full Governing body meeting is on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Our parent governors are always welcome to share any questions, opinions or concerns that you may have regarding school life. Please do leave notes or a request for a conversation with one of our parent governors:

- Nita (Rui's mum)
- Keith (Annabelle's dad)
- James (Henry's dad)

### Attendance

Please remember to call the school office if your child will be absent from school. Although under 5's education is not statutory, we are still required by Ofsted to promote attendance and work towards **97% attendance. Last term children's attendance was 87%.**

### Additional Support

Please be reminded that the school has excellent links with a wide range of professionals who are there to support you and your child as they grow and learn. Please do look out for

workshops and courses run as part of Bright Start East (displayed in reception area). We are also able to make referrals for children to the Speech and Language Therapy Service and to Child Adult Mental Health team who are there to support families with behaviour, feeding, night time routine and other issues that may be affecting your child/family well-being. Becky, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is able to help you with these referrals or is on hand for a quick chat if you have any concerns regarding your child's development.

### Reception Area and Buggies

I am sorry to have to grumble in the first newsletter of the term but it is important that I comment on a couple of issues. Firstly, the staff are become increasingly frustrated with the mess reception area is left in at the beginning and ends of the day. Louise is busy enough without having to go and tidy up after families that have used this space. I personally have found used tissues, crisp packets and banana skins left on the furniture or floor area. It really is unacceptable to leave it in this way. If things do not improve, we may have to insist that families wait outside for their child's session to start/end. We really don't want to do this but equally, we feel that what should be a lovely shared space, is being treated respectfully.



The front of our school is beginning to be very congested with buggies and scooters. Often, it is impossible to reach the door buzzer as the area is full of buggies and prams. This space may need to be used as an emergency exit one day and it is just not safe when so many buggies are taking up all of the room. We will now need to insist that **ALL** buggies and prams are **FOLDED** if they are to be left in the school grounds. Where possible it would be helpful if you could take your buggies home and bring them back up at pick up time. It's regretful that we have to impose this rule but our entrance is not safe or user friendly as it stands now. It may also be an idea for those children old enough and those that live close, to walk to school instead. I understand that our lives are busy but many of our three and four year olds are more than capable of walking short distances to school. It also provides opportunities for children to learn about road safety.

## Bright Start

We work alongside our Bright Start colleagues in providing a range of services and support to families. This term we will be hosting a Saturday stay and play once a month. This session will be run by two staff employed by North Islington so your children will be familiar with them so please do come along and join in the fun. We will have a set theme each month and access to Ocean garden. Our first session will be Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12pm.

## Change of Date for INSET

Please note that there is a change of date for our INSET in the Autumn Term 2020. Our INSET will now take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and the development morning will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

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

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)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday Stay and Play
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Fun Friday: Activity TBC
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday Stay and Play
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
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday Stay and Play
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Fun Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Development Morning (school closed 8am-10am)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday Stay and Play
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
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday Stay and Play
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
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday Stay and Play
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Graduation party for leavers
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Saturday Stay and Play