

NEWSLETTER April 2017

Planning in the moment

We hope you are enjoying reading all about your child's busy focus week on their A3 planning sheet. A big thank you to parents and carers who have returned their consultation sheet and shared photos of their child's life outside of Nursery. These photos are highly valued by children and staff alike, and the children take great pride in showing them to their friends. As we move into completing your child's Spring Term focus week, we would like to ask that you complete and return the consultation sheet as soon as possible. This will enable staff to plan activities that are highly responsive to your input and your child's interests, needs and experiences.

Important Dates to Remember

May Bank Holiday:
Monday 01st May 2017
(The children return on Tuesday 2nd May 2017)

INSET day:
Thursday 18th May 2017
School closed for staff training

May Half Term
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
we are closed. The children return to school on Monday 5th June.

New, improved parent notice boards

The parent notice boards in River and Rainforest rooms now display termly information about:

- Core books
- Special days we will be celebrating
- Reminders of dates when the centre is closed
- Upcoming parent workshops

We also display our new Makaton word of the week every Monday.

St George's Day

We will be having Seafood in Reception for tasting on Friday 21st April in preparation for St George's Day on Sunday 23rd April.

Please dress in Red, White and/or Blue on Friday 21st April.



Primary School Places

There is a drop in for parents/carers to attend who need help with their primary school place offer. Please see the details below and check the posters for more details.

Date: Wednesday 19th April and Thursday 20th April 2017

Time: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 2.30pm

Location: Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Please can you let your child's key person know which school your child has been offered a place at for September 2017.

Staff Changes

We have welcomed Teresa Ali to River Room this term as an Early Years Educator for Red Group. She has experience working in Nursery and is one of our school governors.

Community Evening

Our community Evening will be Friday
5th May 2017 4.30-6.30pm

This is a chance for families to bring something they have cooked at home to share with everyone. It's a lovely social event and all families are very welcome to attend.

River and Rainforest rooms

The Summer Term has started so welcome back everyone. It will be a busy term and we are hoping to spend lots of time learning outside. **Please do volunteer if you can help with gardening or planting outside as now is the time to get our fruit and vegetables planted.**

Please come and look at the new home corner, living room, office, shop, bedroom and dressing areas in Rainforest Classroom. They are supporting children to become more imaginative in their creative role play experiences.

We are introducing a new maths trolley to support children with developing their problem solving skills.

In the term we will be covering some core books with the children, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Goldilocks and Just the 1 Bear, The Book with No Pictures and The Gingerbread Man.

Orchard, Desert, Seashore and Mountain

Our children will be visiting the 3-5's classrooms to prepare for transitions. They will be learning where everything is and meeting all of the staff in preparation for moving.

The learning in the rooms will be based around nature and mini beasts. There will be some local visits to look at the natural environment in other areas. They will be using non-fiction books to support the children to increase their skills in finding things out.

Late Arrivals

The doors close at 9.20am in the morning and 12.55pm in the afternoon. If you arrive after these times you will need to wait for the staff from the respective classes to bring their registers to the office. The staff will then register your child in late and take them to class.

The office staff will not be able to let you through after these times.

If you want your child to have a school lunch you must ring the school by 9.30 if you are going to be late. Any child arriving after this time will not be able to stay unless you have called and booked a lunch.

Early Collections

If for any reason you need to collect your child early, please come by 11.15am for morning collections and by 2.45pm for afternoon collections. The children and staff are settled down for group time at these times till the end of the session. If you are late, you will need to wait for the group session to finish and collect as normal. The **office staff have been instructed NOT to call** during these periods as no one is available to answer the phone and bring your child down to you.

Late Collections

If for any reason you are running late to collect your child, please ensure that you have informed the Nursery beforehand. Children not collected by 3.15 will be put in to After School Club and a late fee of £14 will be applied to your child's account.

School Trips

We like to take the children out on various trips locally and further away. If you would be available to volunteer to help with school trips please let your child's key person know. We need more adults for trips to enable us to take the children out.