

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Learning about Festivals

- Black History - thank you to all the parents who helped us to provide exciting activities and resources to support the children's learning.
- Diwali - Rebecca Sherwood put on a play with the children to tell the story of Diwali.
- Remembrance Day - we lit a candle and had 2 minutes silence on 11/11/16. We talked to the children about why we were doing this and they made poppies.



Important Dates to Remember

Parent Conference/ Exhibition Day:

Friday 18th November 2016

Nativity:

Wednesday 7th December Rainforest
9.15am or 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th December River
9.15am or 2.30pm

Christmas Holiday:

Last Day: Wed 21st December 2016
Closed: Thurs 22nd Dec - Tues 3rd Jan
Return: Wed 4th January 2017

Inset Day:

Wednesday 25th January 2017
(Please note it has changed from
18th Jan to 25th Jan 2017)

Primary School Applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, your child is due to start primary school in September 2017.

You must apply online at: www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You will need to apply before 15th January 2017.

If you wish to look at the 'Starting Primary School in Southwark 2016/17' booklet produced by the Southwark Admissions Team you can download it at:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/2483/primary_school_admissions

Please print off your receipt and provide the Kintore Way Office with a copy. If you are not able to print the receipt, please make a note of the **reference number** starting with **210-2017-** and give it to your child's key worker or the office. Please keep your reference number in a safe place.

We strongly recommend that you visit the schools you are considering and check their admissions policy.

Please note that if you are applying for a church school you **must complete a supplementary form from the church school.**

Please be aware there may be a different closing dates for these forms.

We will be holding a drop in at Kintore Way with the Southwark Admissions Team to support you with the school admission process on:

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

8.30am - 1.00pm or 2.00pm - 3.30pm

We strongly recommend that you attend one of these meetings.

The Launch of our New Website

Our new website is launching soon and we are very excited.

Please check with the key worker if we have an up to date permission slip regarding the use of your child's photos on the website.

Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child has at least one set of spare clothes on their peg.

If clothes are not provided and your child needs clean clothes, we may have to call you to bring some in.

Please label all of the clothes your children wear to school.



River and Rainforest rooms

The children have been very engaged in our core book, 'Little Red Riding Hood.' Members of staff re-enacted the story recently, which has inspired the children to become the characters and act out the story themselves. You might like to try acting out the story with your child at home! Our next core book, beginning Monday next week, will be 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. There will be a role play area set up in Rainforest room to act out the story. Parents are welcome to come and join in with this.

In the creative area the children have been using their attachment skills to make recycled material and woodwork models, and are using Autumn leaves for a variety of creative activities. Bonfire Night has been the inspiration for singing, music and colourful artworks. We will soon begin Christmas crafts, including a very special hot glue gun project, and are looking forward to face painting, flag making and cooking to celebrate St Andrew's Day on the 30th November.

Children are learning to make their own playdough in Rainforest. They follow the recipe and mix it themselves. We have a diary where children can book a time to make dough.

Orchard, Desert, Seashore and Mountain

They have been focussing on telling stories using their imagination with Tales Toolkit. They have also been creating art work using fireworks as inspiration.

The children who are moving in January 2017 are having transition visits to River and Rainforest and they will be meeting their new key people.

Parent Events

Supporting Children's Behaviour and Feelings Workshop

**Time: 9.15am-10.00am or
2.15pm-3.00pm**

Date: 30/11/2016

This workshop will give you ideas for how to support your children at home and give you opportunities to ask questions.

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 then take them to class.

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

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.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind all parents and family members NOT to use their mobile phones while at the school and centre. This is a safeguarding requirement for all the children in our supervision and care.