

Important Dates to Remember

**School closed for Home Visits– Tuesday 3rd
January**

1st Part Week – Wednesday 4th January

2nd Part Week – Thursday 5th January

2nd Part Week – Friday 6th January



Season Greetings

We have had a wonderful term with your children. It has been so much fun learning Christmas songs and learning about why Christmas is celebrated by many of our families. Children are developing an understanding of the different festivals and celebrations that we enjoy during the Autumn months. We have enjoyed creating art work, singing songs, reciting rhymes and listening to stories that help us understand our natural world and our cultures. Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas have provided us with inspiration for interesting conversations and learning and have united us with the joy of celebrating together. These celebrations connected to this time of year, support us in our observations of what is happening in the natural world including the changes in weather and changes with the plants and trees in our garden and we are looking forward to seeing the changes the new season brings when we come back for our Spring Term in January 2023! Have wonderful break with your children and with all your family. Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year.

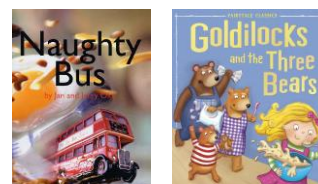
Core Books, Songs and Poems

We are seeing the benefits of focusing on core books, rhymes and songs with the children. Children are getting to know really well the storylines of our books and are developing a rich vocabulary and strong understanding of concepts as we explore elements of these stories and rhymes in our art work, and play.

Core Books for Autumn Term 1



Under 3's



Core Songs for Autumn Term 2

What a fantastic repertoire of songs we have learned this term. We sang songs that celebrated Autumn and Christmas. Fun songs that certainly developed vocabulary and supported social and emotional skills.

Core Rhymes and Poetry Basket

'Leaves are Falling', 'Choppity Chop' and 'Who Has Seen the Wind' have been our focus rhymes. We have also read and recited many nursery rhymes with children, revisiting their favourites and introducing less well-known rhymes. We have recited the lyrics of the songs ensuring children are learning the story of the song.



Applying for a Primary School Place

Please find attached Southwark's guide to applying for a primary school place.

If your child was born **between September 2018 and August 2019**, your child is due to start primary school in September 2023.

You must apply by Sunday 15th January 2023.

You need to apply online at www.southwark.gov.uk/schoolsadmission

Please try and find 6 **schools** for your application. Look at schools' websites and contact the schools' offices to find out about open days and visits.

🎵 School Sing-a-Long 🎵

Thank you, parents, for joining our Sing-a-Longs during the Autumn Term. We have had three sing-a-longs and we are going from strength to strength in creating a lovely sound. Learning songs supports children's learning and development in so many ways. Sharing songs with parents and having you come to nursery and sing with the children and with other parents is a wonderful social event for the nursery community. We will continue to sing wonderful songs with your children and let you know the lyrics of the songs when we send you the three weekly planning block information. We will send links to versions of the songs on YouTube so that you are familiar with the tunes and so that you can sing these songs at home with your family before the sing-a-longs.

'SEND Coffee Morning'

We will be holding another SEND coffee morning in the Spring Term. We will confirm the date early next term. This is a follow up from the Autumn 'SEND' Coffee Morning. Lisa Smith our SENCO co-ordinator will be presenting material to support the requests parents made in that meeting. It will be a wonderful opportunity for parents new to the school to meet and speak with parents whose children have been attending Kintore for a term or more. All parents and carers are welcome, especially those where children have an identified need or where you may have concerns regarding your child's development including; speech, communication, behaviour, physical skills.

Parent Conference Day

Thank you for attending Parent Conference Day. It was great to sit down with you and discuss your children's learning and progress at home and at Kintore Way. Please remember that you can make an appointment to meet with your child's Key Person or with the Class Teacher at any time during the year. We would appreciate it, if you have photographs or examples of your child's learning from home to email them to your child's Key Person. This information helps us to understand your child's interests and passions so that we can further their interests here in class.

Our next Parent Conference Day is Wednesday 15th March.