

Somerset Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter - October 2016



Dear Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome many new families to Somerset this term and we have also enjoyed having some children and families return after the summer break. This term is about making new relationships and becoming secure in a new environment.



This month we have been celebrating Black History Month across the school and centre. By providing creative cultural experiences we hope children will develop awareness of the wider world and people around them. The children have been involved in African drumming, looking at African fabric and printing with paint as well as cooking dumplings!



In Robin Room Children have been settling in and making new friends. They have also been experimenting with 'rolling' e.g. with balls and guttering. Parents have been involved in watching and making playdough with staff, before being given an information sheet for them to have a go at home. One parent has brought photographs in of their child helping to make it at home!



In the Children's Centre, children have been making drums, observing autumnal changes and have also been encouraged to make choices.



Staffing News

This term we have welcomed back Rupal, Business Manager on a part time basis. You may have also met Rachel in the office, who is working as part of the finance team. We are also fortunate to have a new Music Therapist Natasha and are hopeful that we will soon be having a new Premises Officer and a new Meal Supervisor joining us too!

Reminders

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the following things:

- As a school and centre, we have a duty to safeguard all children and as such mobile phones or devices are not allowed to be used in the classrooms or outdoor learning areas. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.
- Labelling your child's clothes - this will make them easier to return to you, should they get mislaid!
- Please ensure that your child does not bring food, drink or cosmetics such as lip seal or hand cream into nursery. We have to be aware that other children may have allergies.
- Dinner money - This costs £2 per meal and should ideally be paid in advance. If you have any queries please see Alia in the office.
- Nursery school and Robin Room times:
Morning session: 9.15am to 11.45am
Afternoon session: 12.45pm to 3.15pm

Children need to be registered before 9.30am so that their lunch can be ordered. Please telephone the school office before 9.30am to book a lunch if your child will be arriving late.

11.45am and 3.15pm are the latest times for collecting your child. Please come five minutes earlier so that you can collect pictures, find coats and see the staff etc.

School Closure Days

Each year the school closes for staff training days. Please write these down on your calendars at home. The school is shut on these days:

Monday 21st November
Monday 16th January
Monday 20th February
Tuesday 18th April
Friday 21st July

Please note:
Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

The October Half Term Children's Centre activity timetable is now available in the each hallway.

New website

We are shortly due to have a new look updated website! Do keep an eye on it at:
www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk

**IS YOUR CHILD APPROACHING
THREE?
PLEASE APPLY FOR A PLACE NOW!**



If you, or anyone you know, have a child that is three years old - we have spaces available in the nursery! Come and get an application form from the office.

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