

# Somerset Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter - February 2017



Dear Families,

The spring term has taken off at a rapid pace! We have spent time discussing children's progress and development with parents. We have also welcomed many new families to Somerset.

In the Nursery children have been acting out a story called 'Bears in the Night' and making zig zag books based on it.



Children are also learning the Chinese New Year story and will be taking part in a range of related activities including eating noodles in our Chinese restaurant.

Do take the time to look at the wonderful displays around the Nursery. They are a great way in which we explain and celebrate children's learning.

In Robin Room we have been using various construction toys to create different models and structures. We have also been developing relationships by playing with our friends and making new ones.



In the Children's Centre, we have also enjoyed a range of activities relating to Chinese New Year. These include making a dragon and taking part in a dragon dance, tasting stir fry and prawn crackers and drinking Jasmine tea!

## Staffing News

We would like to welcome Marina Lipovac, Mealtime Supervisor to the Somerset team. We would also like to thank Tiegist for her hard work in Robin Room and Amal for working hard to support the Nursery team. Both are moving on elsewhere. We look forward to welcoming Claudine back from maternity leave to Robin Room.

We will be saying farewell to Rupal, Business Manager, after almost fifteen years at Somerset later this term. We would like to thank her for many years of hard work and wish her all the best in her next adventure! We congratulate Rachel in the office on her successful appointment as our new Business Manager. We will soon be having a new Premises Officer joining us too!

## Reminders

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.

Children's dinner money - This costs £2 per meal and should ideally be paid in advance, either weekly, termly or half termly. If you have any queries please see Alia in the office.

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.

Children need to be registered before 9.30am so that their lunch can be ordered. Please telephone the school office on 0207 223 5455 before 9.30am to let us know if your child will be arriving late and to book a lunch.

You will have received a form from us regarding the 30 hours funding. Please remember to return these forms to Alia in the office as soon as possible. Thank You

The February half term Children's Centre activity timetable is now available in each hallway.

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please hand them into the office until our box arrives. Thank you.



## School Closure Days

Please note the Inset day planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February has been cancelled and moved to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

This means that the last day of the summer term is now Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

We are in need of recyclable materials for creative use. If you have any lids, yoghurt pots or small boxes they would be most welcome!

## New website

Our new look website is up and running! It will be updated on a regular basis.

Do take a look at:

[www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk)



You may have seen our advert in Families magazine or in the Wandsworth Guardian. You will also see it in Brightside magazine in the Feb/March edition.

If you, or anyone you know, have a child that will be three by Sept 2017 - we have spaces available in the nursery! Come and get an application form from the office or apply online at

<http://www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk>