

Somerset Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter - October 2017



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 we are supporting children to make relationships, learn new routines and become secure in a new environment.



In the nursery children have been busy developing physical skills; climbing, jumping and a range of ball skills in the garden. They have also been using tools such as scissors to cut paper in the creative area and knives to chop apples and pears. As well as listening to and joining in with stories, songs and musical games, children have also been having fun learning about and counting conkers!

In Robin Room children have also been settling in and making new friends and in the Children's Centre, new families have been enjoying playing with their children and encouraging children to explore the environment.



Staffing News

We would like to welcome Natalie (a teacher in the nursery) to the Somerset team. We have said goodbye to our lunch supervisor Marina, and are looking for a replacement, so if anyone is interested please see details in the advert on our website.

We have also had to say goodbye to David, a long term teaching assistant in the nursery. For those of you that knew Manuela, just to let you know that she has given birth to a baby girl. Mother and baby are both doing well.



Scooter training

On **Thursday 5th October** we will be having scooter training in the nursery. If your child has a scooter, feel free to bring it in (labelled with their name) so they can join in. Scooters will also be available for children to use.

FREE 30 HOURS

Are you a working parent?

Did you know that if you are working, you may be entitled to a 30 hour place for your child at Somerset? We will also be shortly contacting parents to offer them the opportunity to 'TOP UP' their child's part time hours. Look out for further details or speak to Alia or Rachel in the office.

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, drinks 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 **must** be paid in advance. If you have any queries please see Alia in the office.
 - Nursery school and Robin Room times:
Morning session: 9.15 am to 11.45 am
Afternoon session: 12.45pm to 3.15pm

For children staying for lunch

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.

Please also call to advise if your child will be absent.

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.



Healthy Wandsworth

We have now been awarded the **Healthy Centre Accreditation**. This has had an impact on our policy for birthdays in the nursery and Robin Room. Parents will no longer be able to bring cakes in although fruit can be brought in to share during your child's story group time.

NURSERY PLACES

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 or soon to be turning three – we have spaces available in the nursery!

Come and get an application form from the office or visit our website.

Is your child a fussy eater?

We are holding a two session course called **Feeding and Nutrition for the under 5's**

**On Thursday's 23rd and 30th
November
1.30pm-3.00pm.**

You will get advice on how to manage fussy eating and ideas on low sugar snacks and much, much more.

Spaces are limited so please book at the Children's Centre reception with Cathy.

Do you have or know a two year old child?

Some two year olds are entitled to 15 hours free Early Education. Please speak to the Children Centre staff for information.

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