

17th January 2014

Low Hall

Nursery School and Children's Centre

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Dear Parents / Carers.

Happy New Year .

A warm welcome back to everyone, especially the new children and families who join us in 2014. The children are learning about changes in the weather, the world around them and people who help this term. We are due to have a visit from My Newt Man, who will bring some small animals into nursery and show us how to care for them.

New Parents / Carers Meeting.

A meeting for new parents/ Carers will be held on Monday 27th January at 9:30am and 1:00pm. This is a chance to talk about how your child learns through play, during their time at nursery.

Safe and Sound.

The children's safety is everyone's first priority and to help us make sure of this, we are asking you to be mindful of where your children are as you leave the nursery site.

A new bolt with a 'red top' has been added to the main gate leading to the street, making it easier to enter and leave. Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, you can talk to one of the designated Safeguarding Leads - Lorraine Steward and Mandy Douglas who will be able to give advice.

We Want Daycare!

The nursery has a number of daycare places which need to be filled. Governors and staff at Low Hall are organizing an advertising campaign and open day on Thursday 30th January to raise awareness of the nursery and spaces available. Enquiries about the campaign can be directed to school@lowhall.waltham.sch.uk. If you know of any families looking for a place for their child, please tell them about Low Hall. We hope to offer places for 2yr olds, who meet certain criteria in the near future. Please contact the office for more information.

Day care provision.

We would like to offer the option of day care places from 8:00am to 3:30pm, during term time. If you are interested please talk to Mary in the office for our daily rates.

Text messaging / email addresses.

We operate a text messaging / email service so that we send important information, such as school closures, electronically. Please make sure your mobile phone number is current and provide us with an email address, if you have one.

Keeping warm in Winter.

Outdoor play is an important part of the Early Years Curriculum, as it helps children to develop their social and physical skills as well as building a greater understanding of nature and the world around them. It is important that the children keep warm so please make sure they have a hat, gloves, scarf and coat, all labeled with their name.

We will change children into dry clothes, if they get wet at the water tray, so a spare set of clothes is very useful. If you have any clothes that you no longer use, especially socks, that you would like to donate, we will gratefully accept them.

New equipment.

The nursery has some lovely new resources this term, however some of our 'smaller items' such as the toy cars appear to have gone missing. If found could they please be returned so that we can all have a chance to play with them. Thank you.

Book Bags / School fund.

Book Bags can be obtained from Mary in the office for a donation of £1 so that children can bring books home to read. School Funds are now £1:00 per week or £6:00 up until half term, which should be paid on a Monday at the school office.

Absence

If your child is absent, please phone us and fill out an absence form on return to school, these are found on the office door.

Holiday Playscheme.

February Half Term Play Scheme Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

The play scheme will be running over the February half term from 8am to 6pm at £25 per day, 2nd child £24 per day. Breakfast and tea provided, please bring a packed lunch.

If you would like a place please return the slip below to Mary by Monday 3rd February.

Name of Child:

	Week beginning 17 th February	Breakfast/ tea
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

S Sessions booked for the Holiday Playscheme must be paid in advance even if your child doesn't attend on a particular day for whatever reason. This is common practice and ensures that staffing ratios are met. If your circumstances change and you wish to cancel sessions more than 2 weeks before playscheme starts, a 10% booking fee will incur. There will be no refund for cancellations made 2 weeks or less prior to the commencement of playscheme. We regret that we are unable to swap days once your booking has been made.

S Signed:..... Cheque number:.....

Please do not use your phones anywhere in the nursery school. Thank you

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th January – New Parents Meeting Thursday 30th January - Open Day
Tuesday 11th February – My Newt Man
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - Half term Holiday. Nursery school closed.
Day care provision as normal. Playscheme open.
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term
Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April - School closed for Spring Holidays (details of play scheme and day care provision to follow).

T Tuesday 22nd April - Staff training day Wednesday 23rd April - Children return to school.

