

# Low Hall Nursery School

## Newsletter

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

### Welcome

We would like to wish a belated Happy New Year 2015 to everyone and welcome the new families joining this term. We are also very pleased to welcome Sarah Geekie, our new teacher, who started with us in January. She is very quickly getting to know her key children but if your child was in Inga's group and you haven't yet introduced yourself, please do.

### Outdoor Play in winter

Outdoor play is an important part of the Early Years Curriculum and we have a lovely outdoor area here where the children can learn all about nature, develop their physical skills and extend their ideas through play in a multitude of ways all year round.

At this time of year it is important that the children keep warm so please make sure your child has a hat and gloves **labelled with their name**. Also please write your child's name in their coat.

When it is wet outside, we provide wellington boots for the children to change into, although you can bring their own if you wish and keep them in their box. Please make sure your child's name is written in their boots.

### School Fund

We ask for a weekly contribution of £1 to the School Fund to pay for extras such as children's snacks, cooking ingredients and entertainers/visitors. Please give the money to Mary in the office either weekly or termly if you prefer.

## **Curriculum**

Our theme for the whole of this term is 'Growing and New Life'. The children will be thinking about themselves and their families, how to keep healthy and what they need in order to grow. The children will also be growing plants indoors and out and looking after them. Vic, 'My Newt Man' will be visiting before half-term with his wonderful collection of mini-beasts and snakes!

They will be experiencing plenty of fun science experiments this term, as well as developing their mathematical skills including number and shape, space and measures. We will be encouraging them to use their imagination by thinking up ideas about strange things that will be happening such as finding a bear stuck in a tree or one very large boot in the garden!

**If you have a photo of your child when they were a baby please could you bring it in so that we can make a display in order that the children can talk about how they have changed. We will photocopy it and give you the original straight back.**

## **Children's Special Books**

It is obvious that you and your children enjoy looking at their Special Books in the lobby. It would be really lovely if you could contribute to these by bringing in any special drawings/paintings or photos of outings or family visits. Your child can bring these in and give them to their key worker. Any real photos can be photocopied and returned.

## **Children's Boxes**

Please check your child's box regularly to make sure that children are taking their work home. Also, if your child does not have spare clothes in their box please could you put some in a bag with their name on it. If your child has come home in nursery clothes please wash and return them.

## **School Places**

The deadline has now passed for applying for a school place for your child if they are due to start school in September this year. If you have missed the deadline you will have to go to School Admissions urgently. The address is Harvey House, 1a Harvey Road, E11 3DB or you can email them at [primary-admissions@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:primary-admissions@walthamforest.gov.uk). You should hear which school your child is offered by 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please continue to bring your child to nursery every day. Parents of children who have had below 75% attendance since October half term will be receiving letters to explain that children make more progress if they attend regularly. If your child has had poor attendance since September you will be invited to a meeting with Margaret. Our data last year clearly showed that children who attended regularly progressed quicker. If your child is not going to attend please phone the school office.

It is also very important that your child arrives at nursery on time in order to get the full benefit of what we have on offer. Please also remember that if your child is late it is your responsibility to tell Mary in the office so that she can mark your child in the register. If they are not marked in we would not know they are here in the unlikely case of a fire.

### **E mail addresses**

If you have not yet done so please make sure that you give this information to Mary. We are intending to send future newsletters out by email in order to save paper, but there will be some paper copies available for those of you who do not use email.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Vic, 'My Newt Man' will be visiting with his wonderful collection of mini-beasts and snakes!
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup>-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half-term- <b>School closed</b> <b>Holiday Playscheme open.</b> Please see Mary or our website for details
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Living eggs arrive at the nursery. The children will be able to watch the eggs hatch in to baby chicks!
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Book Fair- Foyles Educational Books will be here. You will be able to buy books for your child and your children will also be able to use their £1 World Book Day voucher to purchase a small book.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Last day of Spring Term

