

4th March 2014.

Low Hall

Nursery School and Children's Centre

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Dear Parents / Carers.

Coming to Nursery is fantastic!

Research has shown that attending a nursery has a positive effect on the development of children's social skills and provides a firm foundation for learning, when they begin their more formal education at school. For the children to benefit most from nursery they need to attend the whole session, every day the school is open. Being on time is also important as it helps children to understand structures and routines.

It's great to know that Nataliya Abbas, Fareed Adenusi, Noria Arubi, Zainab Bint – Omar, James Long, Khant OO, Parishii Purwar, Aqsa Saeed, Esme Edelstyn, Oscar Galvin, Rozalia Kulesza - Thomaszewska, Stiliyan Kurshumov, Thomas Mannion, Oscar Swift, Arzim Mehdi, Esa Bham, Hammad Chaudhry, Vivienne Ishaq, Zobia Kayani, Haris Khan, Ibrahim and Maryiam Mujahid, Ama Odei, Zarshala Qureshi and Alexander Rumble all have **100% attendance** so far this term.

Well done to you all and a big thank you also to parents and carers for making this possible. Let's try to ensure that all children are in nursery everyday from now on.

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.

Books are Brilliant.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and the nursery will be celebrating by sharing stories with the children, looking at information books to find out about the world around us and dressing up as a favourite book character. There will be an opportunity to buy children's books at the nursery on Thursday 27th March. Prices range from £1 to £7.

How eggciting!

Low Hall Nursery School is happy to announce the arrival of an incubator complete with chicken eggs on Monday 10th March. We are hoping the eggs will hatch and give the children a chance to observe lifecycles and develop their scientific and social skills.

Parents consultation meetings.

Meetings for Parents / Carers will be held from Tuesday 11th March to Friday 14th March, giving an opportunity to talk about how your child learns through play, during their time at nursery. Please arrange a time with your child's key worker, if you have not yet had a chance to talk to them and would like to do so.

School fund.

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. We are also collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers which we will be able to spend on new equipment for the nursery.

School Places.

The Local Authority will be sending out offer letters for school reception class places on 16th April 2014. Please could you let us know for which school your child has been allocated a place.

Safe and Sound.

Thank you for continuing to help us place children's safety and wellbeing first by not parking on the zig zag markings outside the front gate, making sure gates are closed behind you and not blocking the fire exits with buggies. Better yet, how about leaving the buggy at home? Walking to school is great exercise and encourages your child to be more independent whilst you teach them how to be safe when walking along the street and crossing the road.

Spare Clothing.

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.

Day care provision.

There are still day care places available at the nursery for now and in Sept 2014 . Options include 8am – 6pm, 48 weeks of the year or term time only 8am- 6pm, 8am - 3.30pm, 8am - 1pm and 1pm – 6pm.

If you are interested please talk to Mary in the office for our daily rates.

Easter Holiday Playscheme.

Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April and Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April 2014.

The play scheme will be running over the Spring Holidays from 8am to 6pm at £25 per day, 2nd child £24 per day. Older children up to the age of 8 years old are welcome to attend.

Breakfast and tea provided, please bring a packed lunch.

If you would like a place please return the slip below with your payment to Mary by Monday 31st March.

Name of Child:

	Week beginning 7 th April	Week beginning 14 th April
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		No holiday scheme - Good 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 mobile phone anywhere in the nursery school. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6 th March – World Book Day	Thursday 27 th March - Book Sale
Monday 10 th March - Spring Chickens arrive	Friday 4 th April - Last day of Spring Term
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April - School closed for Spring Holidays	
Tuesday 22 nd April - Staff training day	Wednesday 23 rd April - Children return to school.

