

Low Hall Nursery School

Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome

We would like to welcome back to all the children after the half term break as well as welcoming some more new children to the Nursery. We are also welcoming four new students to the Nursery. First of all we have **Jodie Bourke** who is our trainee teacher. Jodie will be with us full time until the middle of December. Secondly we have **Lucy** who will be here every Tuesday and Thursday until July. She is completing a degree in Early childhood Education. We also have two students who are studying for an NVQ in childcare who will be with us all year. **Raheema** will be here every Monday and Tuesday and **Zhivka** will be here on a Monday and Wednesday. We are pleased to see that our newest member of staff, **Bernice** has now settled in well after starting on the 13th October.

Federation between Low Hall and Church Hill Nursery Schools

A consultation is currently underway regarding the proposed federation of the two Walthamstow Nursery Schools. Copies of the consultation document are available from reception and it is also posted on Low Hall Nursery School's website www.lowhallnurseryschool.org.uk If you have any comments or questions about the proposed federation please complete the tear off sheet on the back page of the document and post it in the ballot box in the reception area. Dates for parent's meetings, at which the reasons for federating and the process towards federation will be explained in more detail, are also on the consultation document.

Collecting and delivering your children on time

Please remember that you need to be here to collect your children promptly at the end of the session. We now have a late book which you will need to sign if you are late, stating the reason. This will be monitored and may lead to a meeting with Margaret to find out why this keeps happening. If you are more than 15 minutes late bringing your child in at the start of the session please see Mary so that your child's name can be added to the register. This is a health and safety requirement.

School Fund

Please remember to give your £1 a week school fund to Mary at the beginning of each week. If you would prefer to pay for a whole term that would be fine.

Toys from home

Please make sure that your child does not bring toys from home to the nursery. This often causes distress when other children want to play with them. We have a wide variety of toys for the children to access while they are here with us.

Drinking bottles

Please also make sure that your child does not bring their own drinking bottle from home. We have a system at the snack table where the children place their used cups in a bowl for washing. The cups are regularly washed and topped up so that the children have a clean cup to drink from. Please could you also make sure that the children do not have food in their bags. We have children here with allergies and we can't risk them getting hold of other children's food.

Labelling clothes

Now that the winter is beginning to arrive your children may be bringing in hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure your child's name is on every item to help you if they go missing. All lost property will be placed in the box outside at the end of every week.

Dates for your diaries

- **Week beginning 10th November**-World Nursery Rhyme week. The children will be taking part in the 'Rhyme a Day challenge' which involves learning a new nursery rhyme every day.
- **Week beginning 1st December**- Parent Conference Week. You will receive a letter from your child's Key Worker with an appointment. If you cannot make this appointment please discuss this with the Key worker.
- **Monday 15th December**- Performance of 'The Enormous Turnip' at 9.30am by A Pocketful of Nothing Theatre Company. Afternoon parents can bring their children in to see the performance, which lasts for about 50 minutes, but must stay with them. Morning children's parents can stay but please do not bring younger children who could disrupt the performance.
- **Thursday 18th December**- Christmas show and parties (am and pm)
- **Friday 19th December** – Last day of term, usual session times

- **Wednesday 7th January**- Beginning of Spring term