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Dear mums, dads and carers,

Welcome back

We would like to welcome all the children back after the half-term break. It's always lovely to see them eager to return! We are happy to see that the new children have begun to settle really well too.

New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff. Shehla Khan is working from 8.45 to 4.00pm and is our new Early Years Practitioner for children with Special Needs. Janet Wainwright is an Early Years Practitioner and key worker working 10-6.

Bernice's baby

Good news! Bernice has had a baby girl and both mum and baby are doing fine. They still haven't decided on a name yet, but we should find out soon!

Sponsored Run

We would once more like to say a very big thank you to John and Emma Mannion, Thomas, Liam and Harry for taking part in the Lea Valley sponsored run and raising £449 for the nursery school. We have been able to use this money to buy some fabulous new percussion instruments for group work as well as lots of other equipment to develop the children's fine motor, literacy and maths skills.

International Day Tuesday November 17th

This will be a fun day for all the children and we would love them to arrive at nursery wearing something that represents their cultural heritage. This could be a national costume, colours that represent the flag, a hat, badge or anything else you can think of! We would also like contributions of **finger food** from countries around the world. Parents/carers are invited in to the nursery at 11.15am and 3.00pm to share the food. Please make sure food has NO nuts and is vegetarian. On this day we have some people coming in to play Caribbean steel pans and all the children will be invited to join in dancing and playing other percussion instruments. We would also welcome any parent who would like to come in and read stories to the children from around the world. If you can read a story please inform Margaret or your child's key worker.

Associate Governors

We have no vacancies for governors at present but there is an opportunity for any parents who are interested in becoming an 'associate governor'. In this role you would be able to attend governors meetings and be part of our premises, curriculum and learning and finance committees. If you are interested please see Mary or Margaret.

Lateness

If you bring your child to the nursery school after 9.15am and 1.00pm you will need to go to the school office so that Mary can put a mark in the attendance register. This is for the safety of your child as we need to check all children off a list if there is a fire. If there is not a mark in the register we would presume your child is not here. However we would like to emphasise how important it is for your child to be brought to nursery on time.

Spare clothes

Please remember to make sure that your child has a bag full of spare clothes including pants and socks. Please could you also return any nursery clothes that have been borrowed.

Names on clothes

As it is now Autumn more children are likely to be coming in with hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure your child's name is on them. While we endeavour to do our best to keep track of them the children are very young and gloves especially do get lost. If their names are on them this will help to find the owner!

Book Bags

We still have plenty of red book bags available to buy at £2 each. Please see Mary if you would like to buy one.

School Photographer

As you are aware the school photographer was in last Tuesday taking individual photographs of your children. Very soon you will receive a pack with a small example of the photograph and the opportunity to buy them. The pack will include a price list and you will need to return the money and form by the date provided so that we can send it off. If the money is given in late we cannot guarantee you will be able to buy the photographs.

School Admission Forms

If your child turns 5 between September 2016 and August 2017 you still have time to apply for a school place but please remember that the deadline is January 15th. You will need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk The offer of a place will be posted to applicants or through an email on 18th April 2016. It is extremely important that you apply on time if you want to secure a place in the school of your choice.

Parent Conferences

All parents will be invited to come in and talk to their child's Key Worker at some time between Monday 30th November and Friday 11th December. You will soon be receiving a letter from your child's Key Worker with your appointment date and time. Please try and make the time given but if it is really difficult please talk to your child's key worker.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 17th November- International Day

Friday 20th November at 1.00pm- second New Parents meeting for parents of all children who started after September.

Monday 7th December- Frank from 'A Pocketful of Nothing' theatre company will be here to present 'Whose been eating my porridge?' at 9.15am. Afternoon children will need to be brought in at this time so that they can enjoy the performance too, but the afternoon parents/carers will have to stay with them.

Friday 18th December- Christmas Concert and lunch. ALL children will be taking part in the concert at 9.30am. This means that the afternoon children will have to attend in the morning session instead. The daycare children will attend all day as usual. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend. This is also the last day of term.

Wednesday 6th January- Nursery re-opens for the Spring term.

