



Welcome Back to the First Half of Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to all our returning families and welcome to the new families joining us this half-term. Happy New Year to you all! We are also delighted to be welcoming back Ernestina, one of our Deputy Heads, who is starting a phased return back to school after a long break. We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to Mia, our student from UEL, who will be leaving us on the 26th January. Good luck with your career Mia and please keep in touch to let us know how you are getting on.

Thank You

We would also like to thank you all for your kind donations to our Harvest collection and charity events last term.



Wraparound Care

Breakfast and After School Clubs are open. Please book your slots with the office if you would like your child to stay.



Clothes

The weather continues to be cold, so please make sure you label your child's coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Check our Lost Property Box in the Entrance if you are missing any clothes. Also, please ensure that your child's changing bag has a supply of clothes in case of toileting accidents or wet play. We encourage the children to be independent when taking off and putting on their coats, so please try to encourage them at home too.



Snacks

The school helps children to understand the importance of eating healthily. If children want a snack during the day we would like them to eat fruit or a healthy snack. Please donate 50p a week towards healthy snacks that we can share. Many thanks.



School Library

All children can choose a book to take home each week. Please buy a library bag from the school office. Our library day is:

Wednesday



Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play is on a Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00. If you have a baby or toddler, or know anyone that has, please join us on Wednesday mornings.



Story Theme

Every half-term we have a story theme. This half-term we are looking at books which encourage the children to use their imaginations to construct with boxes, sticks etc. Please take a look at the planning sheet on the Parent's Board which has ideas for learning activities across all areas of the curriculum linked to our theme.



Illness and Medicine

It's the time of year when there are lots of coughs, colds and bugs about! If your child is unwell and you have had to give them Calpol or other medication to reduce their temperature or help with a cough, please keep them at home until this is no longer necessary. Medication wears off during the day and children often become unwell again, needing to go home. We only give medication in school for long term, diagnosed conditions which require a care plan. If your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they need to stay home until **at least 48 hours from the last time they had an episode.**



Birthdays

We love to celebrate the children's birthdays in nursery. We make cards, cakes from Playdough and we sing 'Happy Birthday'. If you would like to bring in something to share with their friends, please limit this to fruit or a healthy snack as we have children with various allergies and intolerances in school.



Dates for Your Diary

On Thursday 25th January some of the children will be going to Mudlarks at Museum of London. Sufia will be handing out forms to the families of the children, so please return these as soon as possible.



Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), Valentine's Day and Chinese/Lunar New Year all occur during February half-term this year. If you celebrate any of these events, we hope you have a lovely time. We will be celebrating after half-term.



End of Term

The last day of this half-term is Friday 9th February. School is closed from Monday 12th until Friday 16th February. Have a lovely half-term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February 2024.