

Nursery Newsletter - Summer 2017

Welcome!

Welcome to the very busy Summer Term. We hope you all had a great holiday and are looking forward to the fine weather and exciting events ahead. We are delighted that two new families join the nursery this term.

We will be busy this term preparing most of your children for transition to their reception classes. We think very carefully about this process and try to ensure balanced classes across Kilmorie Reception. We liaise with teachers in other schools to support those children not moving on to Kilmorie. We plan to increase access to Reception in the children's independent play as well as planning an invite for all children moving class, to stay for lunch.

As many of you know, the weekly staffing in the Nursery is as follows:

Tuesday- Friday- Philippa, Charllyn, Katrina, Tracey and Kali (with Philippa and Charllyn out of class on Wednesday afternoon).

Emanuela- all day Monday, covering Philippa
Liz Woodland will also work in the Nursery for several hours each week, including Weds PM
Charllyn will leave to go on maternity leave at the beginning of July.

Key Person

Please look at the list outside Nursery if you are unsure of your child's key person (or ask one of us). Your child's key person and/or a responsible teacher will oversee your child's progression through their time at Nursery.

In the summer term we will give out summative reports for leavers and then invite all parents to an informal drop in one evening when you will be welcome to chat with us about your child.

Our themes for the rest of term will be 'Journeys' and 'Living Things' to run alongside lots of special learning events such as trips to the seaside and Mayow Park, ducklings and the 'Take one Picture' art event. We will be learning lots about the natural world using 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and some of Eric Carle's books as stimuli. After half term we will be thinking about transition to reception. We would like to make you aware that occasionally there may be some disruption to normal routines to enable this to happen but please be assured that we will try to minimise any disruption.

The Nursery Sessions

Each day we will be opening the doors to end the session at 11.35am and 3.20pm to allow parents time to collect other siblings. In the morning we open at 8.45am but appreciate that some parents may like to drop off older siblings first. Thank you all for being so prompt at drop off and collection times.

Hall times

We plan to start visiting the hall in the main school for dance and PE. Please dress your children in clothes and footwear suitable for running and climbing.

We will continue to use the enclosed main school playground for balls and bikes etc.

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to our cooking fund. It has been extremely useful in supporting your children to do some exciting activities. A new letter and request for this term's voluntary contribution is attached. Your contributions will enable our exciting duckling hatching to happen

Our Learning

Whilst believing that children learn best by taking account of their current interests, we ensure that we cover all seven areas of the Early Years curriculum, both inside and out, every day. Focused adult led activities are planned daily. Staff support and extend children in their self-motivated play. Staff observe, intervene and record progress in an online album for which you should have received an access code so you can view at home. If you have difficulty, please come and speak to us. We will be sending completed albums to you before our final parents' evening at the start of July. We hope you might like to contribute to their learning record with your own photos and comments.

Thank you to parents who have done so; we enjoyed reading your comments and pictures.

Arrival

When you arrive for your session, please would you help you child find their name and place it in/on the 'Who is here today?' pocket/board

We have set up a library area where the children come in. When you arrive, please choose a book with your child then put the folder in the red box. Please only return the book bag when your child has finished reading their current book and is ready to change it.

Class toy

We will continue to send our class toy home with a different child each week. It will be given out on a Friday so that it can spend the weekend with your child. Please record some of the things you did in the book and return the toy on Monday so that your child can share what they did with the class. The book is looking great. So many families have really embraced this activity.

And finally.....

- As it gets hotter, please supply a sun hat and apply sun cream before you arrive
- We are not allowed to apply any creams or give medicines without appropriate paperwork being completed. Other than asthma pumps and epipens, all medication should be given to the main school office.
- Please make sure that your child wears sensible shoes to Nursery.
- Please make sure that your child's clothes are labelled so that if they get lost we know whom they belong to.
- If your child is going home with someone else, please let a member of staff know. If you forget, please make sure that you phone the school to let us know.
- Please do not let your child bring toys into Nursery as they can get lost or damaged.
- If you have any questions/concerns please come and speak to one of us at the first opportunity or e-mail us:
chumes@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk or
pbadnell@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk

Summer Sun

Please dress your child in clothes that protect from sunburn. We advise against spaghetti strap tops and flip flops due to potential hazards when climbing. Please apply sun cream at home as we are not permitted to do it. Water is available all session. Please do not send your child with their own drink bottle unless they have a medical need, nor send them in with snacks from home, as this often causes difficulty for other children Your child should not attend for at least 48 hours after they have had sickness or diarrhoea.