



Nursery Weekly Newsletter

Spring 1 Week 1 – 13.01.23

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year. Also, a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families starting this week. After a quiet first week, visiting new families, nursery is once again bubbling with excitement and adventure. It has been lovely to see all of the children settle in so quickly and truly wonderful to see how our older children have been taking care of our younger ones. Well done! Also, a big welcome to Sophie. Sophie is joining the nursery team on Mondays and Tuesdays whilst Ashleigh is on maternity leave. Some of you may already know Sophie from teaching your older children in the Early Phase, so another familiar face to many.



Continuing the theme of looking after each other, the children have been busy enjoying our two new role-play areas, running the 'Nursery Restaurant' and the police and fire stations. Look out for more 'people that help us' as the weeks go on. Some of the children have also been very excited about their new tidy up jobs. They proudly wear their special badges as they ensure their assigned area is tidied at the end of each session. This is proving to be a fabulous way to focus and motivate children during tidy up time and a great way of role modeling for the younger children.

Emily, our awesome music teacher, started back with us this Thursday and the children were, as usual, in good voice. Emily was excited to meet our new starters who all seemed keen to join in.



Things to note

Stay and Play

These sessions will resume next week. They take place every Wednesday from 8.45 – 9.30am and then again from 12.30 – 1.15pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay and play with their children during this time, and you can stay for as little or long as your time allows. It's a lovely opportunity to see your children with their nursery friends.

Cooking

Our cooking extravaganza is back from next week. Sophie will be the new in-house chef, so we can't wait to find out what sumptuous delights the children will be making.

We have sent out a separate communication regarding voluntary donations to help cover the costs of this activity. **Please note, only donate if you are in a position to do so and thank you to those who have already donated for the year.**



Wild Garden Wonders

This session will also start back next week. For those new to nursery, these sessions enable children to explore nature, make dens, climb trees, hunt for bugs, make potions from natural resources – the adventures are endless. To help with a smooth transition from nursery to the wild garden, please ensure your child is in suitable clothing. We have waterproof clothing, however, they still may get a little bit muddy!



Nursery Toilets

Please be aware only nursery staff are able to accompany children into the nursery toilets. If your child needs support, we are always on hand to help. Thank you in advance.

Nursery/Reception Gate

When leaving the school grounds via this gate, please can you ensure the gate is closed firmly behind you. This just ensures the area is secure.

Final Call!

Starting primary school in 2023 – please remember the deadline to submit your application is Sunday 15th January 2023. For more information visit:

[Lewisham Council - Applying to start primary school in September 2023](#)

Weekly Parent Meetings

These will be starting again next week. For those of you who are new to nursery, each week we choose 4 children to focus on. We then arrange to meet with their parents to talk about their adventures in nursery and share photos and anecdotes! This is a lovely opportunity to talk about your child and respond to any questions you may have.

As it's January, we're all having a fairly quiet month, so no major weekend activities to report on this time round. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Sophie, Tracey, Katrina, Ashleigh and Fiona