



We are closed for a training day on Friday 22nd May

It's lovely to welcome some better weather and I would like to thank our school gardener, Linda Cirant, (pictured right) for the amazing job she does!



There's always colour and excitement in our outside learning environment, the Allotment is starting to get planted up, our mini orchard is flowering and Mandy, the Deputy, has set up a wonderful campsite in one corner that the children absolutely love!

Since our change of status last September, we have been welcoming new children & their families into our school community who have additional and complex needs. Our school has always prided itself on its inclusive ethos and we are learning even more now as we work closely with other professionals and therapists and most of all with the parents of these very special children. Check out our website to learn more about the support for parents/carers and the additional facilities planned for our learning community.



On the 11th March I went to the House of Commons to an event hosted by the Chair of the Education Select Committee, Graham Stewart MP. The event was to launch a report by Early Education on the current status and impact of the maintained nursery schools in England. Our local MP, Stephen Williams, accompanied me and we heard from a cross party group of both MPs and Baroness Walmsley from The House of Lords. Early Education will be launching their recent audit of the current number and role of maintained nursery schools in England and we will be presenting a compelling case for urgent political action to save Maintained Nursery Schools. We have worrying evidence that nursery schools in many parts of the country are threatened with closure or loss of funding that will force them to close.



We are campaigning for a clear government commitment to nursery schools that acknowledges their importance as part of national early years policy.

As parents/carers I would urge you to read the report (link below) All Governors have been given a copy and I will make sure I have some in the front office if you are interested.

<http://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/nursery-world/news/1150211/campaign-save-nursery-schools-intensifies>

Wishing you a peaceful Easter break.



Isla Hill, Creative Director of MakeBelieve Arts and Liz Jenkins, Head Teacher

Story Square

On 12th February, we were delighted to receive the Centre of Excellence award for our Story Square work - (see photo above) Following a short 15 minute demonstration of the Story Square approach involving some of our children, MakeBelieve Arts awarded us the UK's fifth Helicopter Stories Centre of Excellence award!

Staffing

Sherine, Early Years Support Worker in Rainbow Room will be leaving in April to begin her Maternity Leave; we wish her the best of luck and can't wait to meet the new arrival!

We will be welcoming our Teaching students back from their Primary School placements in April!

In May, we will be welcoming back Stacey, Early Years Practitioner, from her one year's Maternity Leave!

Early Pick-Ups

If you need to pick your child up early, please let your child's classroom team know **in the morning**, as well as stopping at the office to let the Admin Team know. You can also call ahead to the office on 0117 9030323 if it is unexpected, we will then be able to let your child's class know. By helping us with this, it should avoid us delaying you any more than necessary. If the Admin Team is unaware that you will be arriving early, please be prepared to be stopped and asked who you are picking up. This is a safeguarding measure and we appreciate your continued help and understanding.

Pupil Premium

Did you know the school will receive **extra funding** for our children who are registered for Free School Meals? All children registered will also receive a **£10 book token** from the school. Please ask in reception to find out how to register or how to find out if you're eligible. If you bring your National Insurance number into the office we can apply on your behalf. Thank you for your continued support in this.

Holiday Club

If you would like holiday provision this month, please see Vanessa Boyawa in Red/Purple Room. The **deadline** for bookings is **Wednesday 25th March**. Please note: the dates available for Holiday Club are **Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April and Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April**.

Fruit Money

Thank you to everybody who has kindly made their Fruit and Snack money donations. We will be continuing to collect these on a weekly basis. Fruit donations are 50p per child per week.

Request for Logs!

We still need logs! If you're able to provide us with some on a regular basis – or if you know someone who can – please speak to Lucy Freeman, Teacher in Green Room, or in her absence, please leave a message with another member of Green Room staff.

Day Care Fees

Day Care fees are required to be paid by the **1st of the month** in which the Day Care is being accessed. It is important that these fees are paid by the end of the first week of the month at the very latest. Please contact Business Manager Jacqui MacFarlane if you are unable to meet this deadline.

To terminate your agreement you are required to give **4 week's notice before the end date**.

Changes to your agreement will incur a £20 administration fee and you will need to fill in a Variation to Contract form.

Easter Holiday Groups

There will be **no** Stay and Play or Babies and Beyond running over the Easter holidays

Social Media



Make sure you follow/like us on our Facebook and Twitter pages to keep up to date with news and events!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Event	Date	Time
Term 4 End	Friday 27 th March	-
Bank Holidays	Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th April	-
Term 5 Start	Monday 13 th April	-
Inservice Day	Friday 22 nd May	All Day