



## July Newsletter 2019 – Term 6

It's the almost the end of another fabulous year at St Werburgh's Park Nursery School! We have faced some challenges this year in terms of budget cuts but despite this staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that the children continue to have a rich experience. We have all loved watching them grow and develop, becoming independent learners and problem solvers!

Reflecting back over the last year, the highlights for me have been the chicks hatching, "Handa's Surprise" appearing along the corridor and the amazing art the children produced in response to the "The Dot". A personal highlight was visiting the Houses of Commons and delivering the petition that you all signed to Downing Street. Please keep signing petitions and talking to your friends about this, we need to keep fighting possible Nursery School closures.

Finally, I would really like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the support we receive from you. We wish those moving on best wishes and to those returning, see you next year!

*Mandy Collier-King, Acting Headteacher*

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Caribbean Party

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Deadline to return EYR1 forms for September

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Half day, all children finish at 11.45am, there is no afternoon session.

### Fruit and Snack next academic year

Unfortunately, with effect from September 2019 due to funding cuts we are no longer able to subsidise the provision of fruit and snacks for children here during the day and so will no longer be collecting a contribution from you towards fruit and snacks. In view of this and so that children can continue to have fruit we are asking parents/carers if you can please bring fruit into school that will then be put into a shared fruit bowl in each class to be cut and distributed to children. We will of course continue to take into account children with medical or allergy needs at fruit and milk time.

### Staff News

Sadly, Boe, Teacher in Yellow Room, is leaving us at the end of this term to begin her new job at another Nursery. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her the best of luck!



Libbie has returned from Maternity Leave this term and will be returning to Green Room as Class Teacher in September.



### Lost property

The lost property bags from all classrooms will be in reception next week. Please check through and take home if any property is yours. The remaining things will be donated to charity.

### Return dates

Children who are returning for their second year, or are transferring from Red or Purple room to a 3 and 4 year old room, will start school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Children returning to Red and Purple Rooms for their second year will start on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Parent Questionnaire

Please can all parents/carers fill out a parent questionnaire and return to the office once completed. We really appreciate your views on how the children learn and how the school runs, and how we can continue to improve.

### Returning children

All parents/carers should have received a letter to say which classroom their child is in next year. If you have not had your letter or you have a question regarding this please speak to Rosie. If you have not filled out an EYR1 form for either 15 or 30 hours for 2019/2020 then please collect one from the office too.

### Food Safety

This term we received an unannounced Food Safety Inspection looking at how we comply with food hygiene laws. The inspector looked at the following:

- How hygienically food is handled, prepared, cooked, re-heated, cooled and stored.
- The physical conditions including cleanliness, pest control and other facilities.
- How the school manages ways of keeping food safe, looking at processes, training and systems to ensure good hygiene is maintained.

The hygiene standards and management processes are then rated on a scale and we are very pleased to say we retained our 5 stars which means hygiene standards were found to be very good and fully comply with the law.



### Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team is:

Mandy Collier-King, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Lucy Freeman and Jacqui MacFarlane, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Please speak to a member of this team if you have any child related Safeguarding concerns.

### Families who buy in day care or additional hours

If you have bought in additional hours or day care this academic year, the cash deposits will be available for collection from the office once the account has a nil balance. If your child is returning, the deposit will be held over until the new academic year. Please call at the office to see Carole if you know your account is clear and you are not buying day care or additional hours from September.

### Drop in sessions over the Summer

*Speech and Language drop in 'free advice for parents of children aged 0-5':*

- Friday 26th July 10-11.30am Bannerman Road Children's Centre
- Tuesday 27th August 10-11.30am Speedwell Nursery School

### Governors

It has been a busy year for everyone at St. Werburgh's Park and we are pleased to celebrate many successes. Most importantly, with the help of all parents and families, we have seen our children make even more rapid progress in all areas of their curriculum than ever before. Our staff have all worked brilliantly together to create exciting learning opportunities for everyone.

This month we are sorry to say "goodbye" to Boe, our Yellow room teacher, who has been covering for Libbie's maternity leave. She has done a great job and contributed brilliant ideas and leadership of literacy. "Goodbye" too to all our children who are moving up to school next term to continue their learning.

Governors have been able to visit the school throughout the year and we are so proud of our staff, who work so hard, despite the many challenges. Lack of sufficient funding is our biggest challenge and it only through supportive teamwork that we are able to rise to daily demands. Mandy leads by example and has been a fantastic Headteacher.

We always need support on our Governing body, and we do our best to help the school do its great work. If you are interested in helping the school in any way, including as a governor, do let Mandy know.

Have a great summer everyone!  
Rebecca Nelson, Chair of Governors

### Outside Area Fundraising

Thanks for everyone that supported the school with the 'Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme' raising money for the development of the outside area and equipment. We raised £1000 from this.

We are now applying for further funding from a community charity and hopefully if we are successful in this we will be able to bring you more news. Meanwhile, if you know of anyone that can support with funding of the outdoor area please do let us know!

**Good luck to all of our children who are leaving to go to Primary School in September; we'll miss you all!**