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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a wonderful 2019!

We have all been commenting on how happily the children have returned after the Christmas break and how well the new children are settling in.



Toy and Book Loan Library has moved to Tuesdays (3.15-3.45pm)

Anna will be running our TOY LIBRARY this term. The books, toys and games support parents and carers to have fun with their children, as well as to help them learn at home. Please come along and see what we have on offer!



Forest School



Each Kinder key group has an opportunity to enjoy a six-week session during the year. The sessions run on Tuesday mornings and your key person will give you plenty of notice when it is your child's turn to attend. All parents are invited to join us for as many sessions as possible as this is a great way to enjoy some of the hidden natural open space we have in this part of London with your child and key person.

Joanna and Anna are both qualified Forest School teachers and run the sessions, ensuring the children are developing their skills and knowledge in a creative, fun and healthy environment.

The adult/ child ratio for each session is one adult with two children- so we really need your help!

Please speak to Joanna (in Lamb Kinder) or your key worker if you would like to know more.

The Mayor's Nurseries Air Quality Audit Programme

We are really pleased to be taking part in the Mayor of London first ever Nursery Air Quality Programme. This means that over the next few months we will have the quality of the air in some of our playground and classrooms checked to find out the level of pollution present from traffic and other materials. Our friendly Air Quality Scientist, Yasmin, has already installed the testing devices...see if you can spot them! Ask Jan for more information.

Attendance and Time-Keeping Reminders-Thank you for working with us.

Every Day:



Morning children arrive in their room between **9.30-9.40am**.

9.55am is not an *alternative* arrival time but if you are late then you will be asked to wait until **9.55** so that group time is not interrupted. Late arrival means your child will miss this important key worker greeting session.



Afternoon Toddler children arrive in their room between **1.30-1.40pm**.

- If you are running slightly late, please call the office. Lunch will only be ordered for your child if you telephone the office by 9.55am.
- Please always call if your child is not coming to nursery school due to illness. It is particularly important to let us know if your child has Chickenpox, Measles etc.
- You should only bring or collect your child outside of the agreed times with **prior** permission, for example, if your child has an important appointment. Attending out-of-school clubs such as ballet or football should take place *after* the school day.
- If you arrive late, please ensure that the office staff and your Keyworker knows that your child has arrived and is marked into the register.
- Please remember, children cannot be collected between 3.00-3.15pm as every child is having their group-time.

Holiday during the school term.

Please remember that holidays cannot be taken during term-time. Attendance and punctuality is monitored by the school because poor attendance and lateness effects:

- Your child's confidence and sense of belonging.
- Your child's ease of access into friendships and activities.
- The teachers' quality involvement with the children: Teachers are distracted as they have to confirm each latecomer in the register.
- The safety of the children-for example, in the event of a fire, a completed register is essential to ensure everyone has been evacuated from the building.

As the government funds education in the UK, including nursery education, they expect children to fully attend school. This means that they are looking to ensure best financial value for their investment.

The government also expect full attendance as low attendance impacts on educational and social outcomes. The government expect average attendance of 96% including illness. When OFSTED come to inspect the quality of our teaching they will look at who has had unauthorised attendance which includes taking holidays during term-time.

Thank you for working with us to achieve the very best outcomes for all our children.

Term and Holiday Dates

Spring term 2019 Monday 7 January to Friday 5 April 2019

- Half-term holiday: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019 (closed for term-time only children)
- Easter holiday: Monday 8 April to Tuesday 23 April 2019 (closed for term-time only children)
- **Centre closed for all families Monday 15th April- Tuesday 23rd April 2019.**

Summer term 2019 Wednesday 24 April to Tuesday 23 July 2019

- **INSET (school closed) - Tuesday 23rd April**
- We are open on Wednesday 24th April 2019.
- May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019 (school closed)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019 (including Spring Bank Holiday, 27 May)
- **INSET (school closed)-Monday 3rd June**

Public Holidays, Spring and Summer 2019 (school closed)

- Good Friday - Friday 19 April
- Easter Monday - Monday 22 April
- May Day - Monday 6 May
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27 May
- August Bank Holiday - Monday 26 August

With Very Best Wishes

Perina and the Thomas Coram Team