

March

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Rebecca

Cheetham Nursery

NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to our March Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break and we are very happy to see you all back in nursery. We've had some wonderful sunny weather which has certainly encouraged lots of outdoor play which always makes us happy.

As part of our ongoing work to improve, we are taking on board the recommendations of Ofsted and taking another look at **attendance** in the nursery. At the time of the inspection, our overall attendance was 92.1% and since then we have seen a significant drop; close to 2%. Ofsted expects that our attendance be at around 95% so we need to do a lot of work in order to improve. I'm asking all of you to help us in this endeavor.

One change we have made, is in regards to absences that you know of in advance. We have introduced an absence form. This has replaced the previous holiday form, which you were asked to fill in if your were going on vacation. If you know in advance that your child will be away from school for reasons such as specialist medical appointments or holidays, we urge you to fill in the **absence form** and provide us with **evidence** of the absence, for example, flight details or letter from the medical specialist. It is essential that Ofsted see that we are working in partnership to improve attendance and we can't do this without you.

We would like to congratulate **Fatima in Blue Room** for receiving a Bronze certificate for the **Reading Passport Challenge**. We are so pleased to give out these awards and Fatima will be receiving a free book to keep as a well-done! Pick up your Reading Passports at the front office.

You should be finishing up your reading logs for the **FRED** pack by now; the programme

finishes on Sunday 3rd March. Please make sure you have filled in the log book and have it ready to hand into the school on Monday 4th March so we can get the certificates prepared for the **World Book Day** festivities on **Thursday 7th March 2019**. You should have received the flyer promoting all the activities on the day, including the Book Day Parade which is always great fun. The parade will be held for all children at **11:00am** and **2:45pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

It's that time of the year where we ask you to tell us your thoughts on the nursery with our **Annual Parent Survey**. Please type in the link and spend a few minutes providing your feedback to us.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RCNCC19

We thank you in advance for your time and effort to complete the survey.

Our next **Parent Forum** session will be on **Early Reading** and will be held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019** at **9:00am, 12:45pm and 4:30pm**. Please ensure you book onto the workshop at the front office to secure your space.

Finally, I would like to personally thank everyone for supporting the various fundraising activities my wonderful team have been organising to help me raise my target for the **London Marathon**. I am very humbled by your kind words and donations. There is still time to donate and here is the donation page:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RohanAllen1>

Nursery Opening Times

Extended day
8.00am to 5.50pm

Morning place
8.45am to 11.45am

Afternoon place
12.30pm to 3.30pm

Charges apply for late collections.

Attendance and Punctuality

NURSERY TOTAL:

90.3%

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is proven that constant absence can be a major disruption to your child's development.

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us on the day and fill in an absence slip on their return to nursery.

We reward children who have 100% attendance at the end of each month. Will your child's name be featured on our poster?

Our 100% attendance children can be found further in the newsletter. We are excited at the great number of children who achieved 100%!

Book prizes are given at the end of the academic year to those children who have fantastic attendance results.

Children's Centre

Children's Centre Works

Some of you may have already noticed that we have had some changes made to the Children's Centre during the Half Term break.

We now have a brand new water play area and sink! Our toilet has also had a make over.



Thank you to all the parents who purchased tea, coffee and cakes at our London Marathon fund raising coffee morning.

We raised a fantastic total of **£167.15!**

SAVE THE DATE

Fiesta Fun Day

Friday 28th June 2019

1pm—5pm

Hug in a Mug Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6th March 2019

8:45am to 9:45am

Come and join us for a catch up over a warm drink in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Meet other families within the Stratford and West Ham Community Neighbourhood and find out more about the services we can offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Safeguarding Children Workshop

Learn about Child Protection and gain a better understanding of the importance of safeguarding children.

Booking Essential. Crèche Provided

Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 26th March 2019

12:45pm-2:45pm

Parent Champions Wanted!

Do you have a child who is in receipt of or received the 15 or 30 Free Early Education?

Do you have some spare time to promote the benefits of taking up the Free Early Education offer to other parents?

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Champion or would like more information, please come to the front office and ask for Koli Miah

FE2 Parent Workshops

Outdoor Play

Come and meet our Early Education Practitioner (Koli), who will deliver a workshop to highlight the importance of outdoor play. Ideas and strategies will be shared to help support your child's learning and development through outdoor play.

Rebecca Cheetham: Tuesday 5th March 2019

12:45pm-1:45pm

Looking after our environment

March 2019



As part of our commitment to a healthier life style and a cleaner environment , our school has signed up to the TFL Stars program. Our travel plan encourages us to think about:

- * The local environment and air quality
- * Making good lifestyle choices so that we are healthy and safe.
- * Developing life- long skills for sustainability

You can help us by being more active when travelling to school. Why not leave the car at home on some days or if you do bring your car, turn off the engine whilst waiting outside the school gates?

If you are unhappy with litter or fly tipping , you can report your concerns to the council using the ' I Love Newham' app. Down load it to your phone today!

We also have local councillor surgeries here at Rebecca Cheetham on the 2nd Thursday of every month if you would like to talk to the Deputy Mayor, Council- lor Charlene about any concerns.



Together , we can make the world a nicer place if just each of us makes a small difference.

Rainbow Renovation!

We are super excited to open up our new Rainbow play equipment and soft surface area to our lovely two-year old children. We should have completely finished all the works we have planned in our two-year old outdoor provision by the end of the Easter holidays. I'm sure the children will have many hours of enjoyment from the new additions to the provision.



Children who achieved 100% attendance

Gabriella	Eli	Marnie	Noah
Adebola	Lay;la	Tristan	Kai
Leila	Navarn	Jonathan	Faye
Elizabeth	Jaidev	Benedict	Annabelle
Maya B	Ziyan	Muna	Delilah
Catherine	Romeo	Petra	Cassius-Chan
William C	Mayann	Jasmine	Lewis
Ziann	Aliana	Aanya	Aylah
Alec	Chloe	Adam	Radika
Liam	Bella B	Ishaq	Ram
Benjamin	Nicole	Nancy	



Attendance

"Research has shown that attending early years education and care can help to improve children's outcomes and narrow the gap associated with socio-economic disadvantage. The UK government, as well as other governments overseas, have consequently made large increases in the number of free hours of early years education available to parents of pre-school children, particularly among disadvantaged groups."

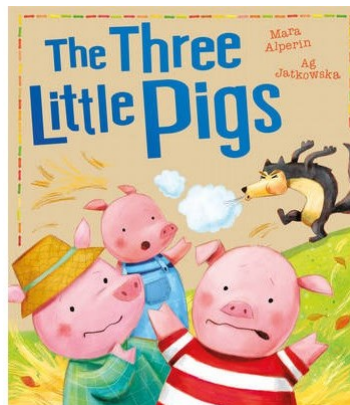
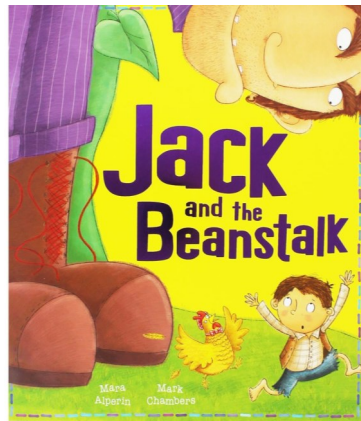
<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-nursery-attendance-childrens-outcomes>

READING in the NURSERY

We use books to open up a world of learning for our children. The core books we use, relate to children's interests and we feed that through the breadth of activities we offer within the provision. We also think that using books as the base for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education.

If you have an opportunity to share these books with your children, it will offer even more learning opportunities between the nursery and home. We are taking a dive into the world of FAIRY TALES this half term!

If your child loves a particular book why not tell us about it in the "What I Did" book; we'd love to hear your feedback!



READING PASSPORT

Make sure you pick up a Reading Passport and make an effort to take some additional reading books home to read to your child. Remember that the more books you borrow, the more opportunities you will have to receive some book prizes for your efforts. See Rio at the front office for more info.



Important Dates

March 2019

Thursday 7th March 2019—World Book Day (Dressing Up, Parade etc)

Tuesday 12th March 2019—Booster Cushion Theatre in to perform for the children.

Wednesday 13th March 2019—Parent Forum on Early Reading—9:00am, 12:45pm or 4:30pm.

Monday 1st April 2019—Parental consultations taking place throughout the week.

April 2019

Monday 8th April 2019 to Monday 22nd April 2019—Easter break. Nursery closed to all government funded children.

Wednesday 1st May 2019—Parent Forum on Water Play—9:00am, 12:45pm and 4:30pm.

Save the date

Friday 28th June 2019—Fiesta Fun Day 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Don't forget to check your Childcare Choices account to ensure you have re-registered your child's 30 hour funding for next term.



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