

December 2023

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

It is hard to imagine that December is upon us as we sleigh ride our way towards 2024! It is one of the busiest months of the year for us at nursery and we are very excited with all the things on offer for the children and families.

PARENT FORUM

Next date: Thursday 7th December, 9am (face-to-face) and 2.00pm (face-to-face)

TOPIC: Mark Making including School of Family session

We really enjoy hosting these workshops for you and we hope that you come away with some helpful tips and ideas on how to help support your child's development. Here is the flyer for our December workshop: [https://](https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=746&type=pdf)

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You will also get an opportunity to spend time with your child in the nursery where you can test out some mark making activities with them.

WINTER ILLNESSES AND ABSENCE FROM NURSERY

It is that time of the year where there is a great deal of sickness around, for all of us. Our nursery children are no exception and actually will usually get sick more often than adults as they are building up their immune systems. Illness is not confined to Rebecca Cheetham and all schools are experiencing high levels of children absent due to illness. Please keep your children home if they are too sick to come to nursery. A temperature above 38 degrees will require your child to stay at home. Children also need to stay home from nursery for 48 hours since the last bout of vomiting or diarrhea. We take all our advice from Public Health as we are not medical professionals. We have provided a very simple and helpful poster at the end of this newsletter to give you an idea of reasons to stay off school and when it might be okay to come to school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Don't forget that the deadline for Primary School Applications is: **15th January 2024!** If your child was born between 1st September 2017 to 31 August 2018, you will need to apply for a Primary School Place.

We are updating the Open Day links that are happening at various local Primary Schools as we get new information (scroll to the bottom of the page): [https://](https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Primary+Admissions&pid=19)
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If you have missed an opportunity you can always call the school to request a visit.

Nursery Opening Times

Extended day
8:00am to 5:00pm
Or
8:00am to 6:00pm

30 Hours
8:45am to 2:45pm

Morning place
8:45am to 11:45pm

Afternoon place
12:45pm to 3:45pm

Charges apply for
late collections.

Attendance and Punctuality

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

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. [http://](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-nursery-attendance-childrens-outcomes)
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If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us



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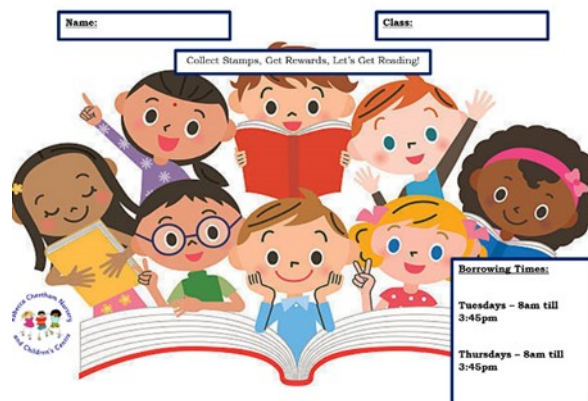
READING LIBRARY

All children should have received their book bags and also a Reading Passport, which we wrote about in the last newsletter. We have kept the information here to remind you of the benefits of joining the Reading Passport scheme!

When your child joins the reading library, they will be given a reading passport which is used to collect stamps for each book they read and return. Children will be allowed to borrow **ONE** book, **ONCE** a week to read and enjoy.

Once your child has been awarded 6 stamps, they will receive a personalised bookmark in recognition of their achievement. When they have collected all 12 stamps, they will receive a certificate and be given a book to keep. Once your child has read 24 books from the Reading Library, they will be awarded a reading medal, certificate and will also get to choose a book to keep.

The reading library runs on **Tuesdays 8am – 3:45pm, Wednesdays 10am – 5:45pm and Thursdays 8am – 3:45pm.**



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We are very excited to have you join us for the Christmas performances that will happen in a couple of weeks. The children have been practicing their songs and it's such a delight to hear them singing! Please note the dates and times for each classes performances which will all take place in the classroom:

Tuesday 12th December at 10:30am

- Christmas Concert (Donaldson Room)

Thursday 14th December at 10:30am

- Christmas Concert (Jeffers Room)

Friday 15th December at 10:30am and 2:30pm

- Christmas Concert (Cooke and McKee Room)

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Involving yourself in your child's education is an exciting challenge, with excellent benefits for your child, for you, for the school and for the local community. Research has identified that, at age 7, a parent's influence on a child's learning is six times that of their school and even at 11 years old, it is 29% greater. Increased involvement can raise achievement by at least 18%. No involvement statistically means low or no qualifications at age 16. We are using the **Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)** to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. LPPA is a national award that will provide us with a valuable school improvement tool and also give us recognition for our commitment to working with parents. We offer a variety of ways for you to get involved; some examples include joining our Parent Forum Workshops or uploading comments and providing updates on your child's development at home through Evidence Me.

We will be launching a new initiative from January and in order to succeed we need a minimum of 60% of our parents involvement. This will be the **Education For Sustainable Citizenship Bronze Award** and your child may have already been speaking about some of the things we are doing in the provision in relation to it such as recycling or learning about different cultures and celebrations. There will be an online passport for you to fill in and update. We can't wait to get you all involved in 2024!

We would like to thank you for making yet another year of Children's Centre services a success. With the end of 2023 approaching, why not celebrate with us by booking onto one of festive themed Stay & Plays!

Coming soon...

Keep a look out for our
January—March 2024
Activity Calendar

Once finalised this will be
posted on our website
and social media pages!



Reminder

The last Children's Centre session for 2023 will take place on Wednesday 20th December. We will then be closed from Monday 25th December.

The Centre will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

If you need assistance during this time please find some helpful organisations and contacts below: [Rebecca Cheetham Nursery & Children's Centre - Helpful Organisations and Contacts](#). This can also be found on our website.

If you have concerns about the safety of a child please contact Newham MASH on 0203 373 4600 / 0208 430 2000

In all emergency situations please call 999

RHYME TIME

Stratford Library

We are pleased to inform you that singing sessions for 0-4 yrs have now resumed at Stratford Library!

Every Tuesday
(Term time only)
10am—11am

Drop in
No booking required

HEALTHY START VITAMINS

Is your child getting their daily dose of Vitamin D? We recommend that all children take a vitamin supplement. Don't forget



that we are a distribution centre and you can collect FREE vitamin drops from the main office for your under 4's. You can also collect vitamins if you are pregnant.

Come and speak to us at the office if you would like more information.

STAY AND PLAY FOR UNDER 5s

WITH A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

Thursday 14th December 2023

Please feel free to drop in and speak to us if:

YOU ARE WORRIED YOUR CHILD IS NOT TALKING OR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND YOU

YOU ARE WONDERING IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A REFERRAL TO SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY JOURNEY

IS YOUR CHILD ON THE WAITING LIST FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE NEXT STEP FOR YOUR CHILD IS?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ADVICE?

If you are worried about your child's communication skills, please come to one of our drop-in sessions

Contact your local Children's Centre for more information



Road Safety Week



During Road Safety week we had a special visit from our Local School crossing Patrol Officer, Frank Whale. Frank came in to talk to the children about why he holds his traffic stop sign to stop vehicles and let people cross the road safely. The children practiced crossing the road and drew stop signs of their own.



Visit to Stratford Library



Books underpin teaching and learning at Rebecca Cheetham and this term we actively encouraged parents and children to access Stratford Library. All of the children who attended the library session received a Bookstart pack containing books to share and activities to do at home. All children will receive a library card so that they can have access to a wide range of wonderful children's literature.



Book of the Month



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 basis for our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education. This month our key book is ***Come Over to My House*** by written by **Eliza Hull and Sally Rippin** and illustrated by **Daniel Gray Barnett**. The fantastic message highlighted in this book is one of diversity and inclusion, and we love that the book shows disability in a positive way. Our hope is that, by incorporating beautiful books such as this one in our school, all our children will see the beauty in everyone, no matter what shape their bodies take and that we can work together to make the world accessible to all. If your child loves a particular book why not tell us about it in the green home learning book; we'd love to hear your feedback!

Here is a link to the Book of the Month info

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 2023

Thursday 7th December

- Parent Forum (Mark Making) 9am and 2pm

Tuesday 12th December

- Christmas Concert (Donaldson Room)

Wednesday 13th December

- Christmas Lunch (for those children that have lunch at school)

Thursday 14th December

- Christmas Concert (Jeffers Room)

Friday 15th December

- Christmas Concert (Cooke and McKee Room)

Tuesday 19th December

- Christmas classroom parties

Wednesday 20th December

- Final Day of school for Government Funded Children

Friday 22nd December

- Last Day for all children

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd January

- Fee paying children return

Wednesday 3rd January

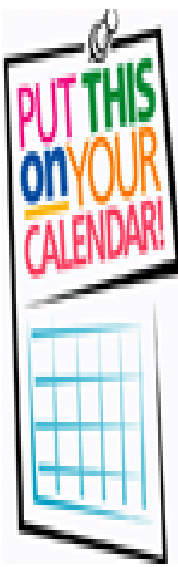
- All children return to school

Friday 5th January

- INSET DAY School closed to ALL children

Tuesday 16th January

- Parent Forum (Early Maths) including School of Family 9am and 2pm





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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.