

December 2024

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children's Centre NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers,

We can hardly believe that we are in December and Christmas and the end of the year is fast approaching. It has been such a buzzy time here at Rebecca Cheetham and it's a fabulous time of year hearing the children practice their Christmas songs for the concerts that we will be putting on next week. The children in the three and four year old rooms have been enjoying the latest installment of the Julia Donaldson "Ladybird" series, *What The Ladybird Heard at Christmas*. Be sure to ask your children about the book and to tell you something they remember. We work hard to get children to think about and remember the core books we use in class to bring to life the learning opportunities we offer at Rebecca Cheetham.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful festive season however you celebrate and to cherish moments with your loved ones.

Merry Christmas from your Rebecca Cheetham family.

PARENT FORUM

Next date: Friday 6th December 2024 9am and 1pm (both face-to-face sessions)

TOPIC: Mark Making

<https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=860&type=pdf>

Please ensure you book a place onto the Mark Making Parent Forum. It is a really helpful session to help you understand how to support your child with their mark making and how to assist your child's development at home using easy and simple methods. For our Mark Making sessions, you have an opportunity to spend time with your child in the nursery afterwards where you can participate in some mark making related activities.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The children have been busily and excitedly preparing to perform for you during our annual Christmas Concert. The flyer is attached to this newsletter, but just in case, here are the details:

Jeffers Room Children

Tuesday 10th December—10:30AM & 1:30PM

Donaldson Room Children

Wednesday 11th December—10:30AM & 1:30PM

Cooke and McKee Room Children

Thursday 12th December—10:30AM & 1:30PM

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

If your child will not be attending nursery, it is essential you contact us



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STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

For those children born between **1/9/20 to 31/8/21**, don't forget that January 15th is the deadline for your child's Reception Primary School application. Don't make yours a late application and risk not receiving your preferred choice! Here is the link for a recent slideshow I presented to parents on how to make their applications along with links: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=840&type=pdf> We are here to help if you have any questions to ask about the process.

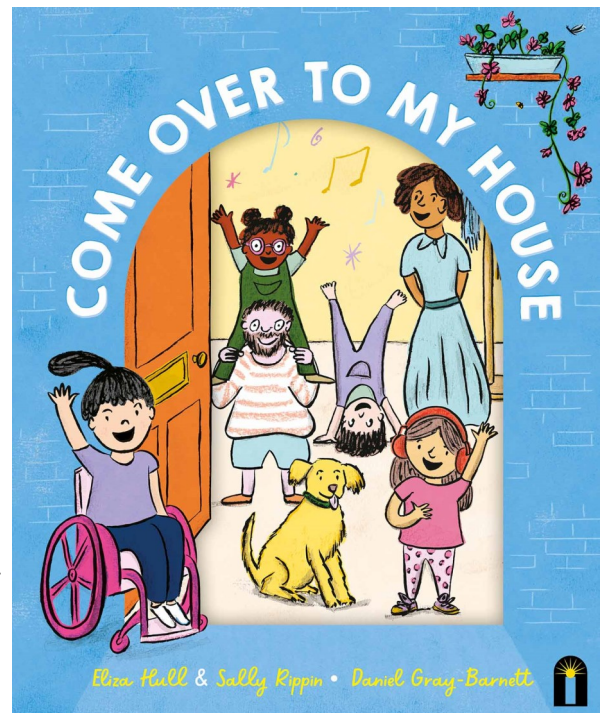
We update our website when schools provide us with information about Open Days. Click this link to find out which schools Open Days we have information about: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Primary+Admissions&pid=19> You will find the information at the bottom of the page. For those schools not listed that you have an interest in, call the school directly or look on their website.

Don't forget, **January 15th is the deadline!**

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *Come Over To My House*

Book of the month link: <https://www.rebeccacheetham.newham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=868&type=pdf>

In addition to the core books that we use as a springboard to bring our topic learning alive, we also have a Book of the Month which showcases something additional we want to explore with our children. This month we are showcasing the wonderful *Come Over To My House* 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.



CHILDREN'S CENTRE: RISK OF CLOSURE

Unfortunately, this wonderful resource is being threatened by budget cuts amidst Newham council's need to reduce spending, as outlined in the recent Cabinet Agenda on Tuesday 15th October 2024. Many of you have been blessed to be able to utilise the Rebecca Cheetham children's centre over the years and many parents have referred to our essential services as a "lifeline". We need to do all we can to protect and preserve our children's centres as much as possible and we really need your collective voices in order to make it happen. All the "in-person" workshops where you could voice your opinions have now all finished but you still have a final opportunity to voice your opinions electronically using this form: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=4Wk2NRiX-Eab7ZWvyHdsimmAYi-ROyREoXjGONKvAQhUNVpTWfPEUFYxWFBHVFZGSUNTWE9GNVo5Ri4u>

If you need any help understanding or to fill out the form, please speak to a member of staff.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT COSTUME MAKING SESSION

Our Christmas Concert Costume Making sessions were a big success and we had three full sessions across three days. We hope that those who joined us enjoyed the sessions and got a chance to meet other parents and walk away with a lovely hand-made costume for their child to wear during the Christmas performance.

Look out for the costume making sessions that we will be running for World Book Day which is Thursday 6th March 2025. Dates for those sessions will be advertised closer to the time.

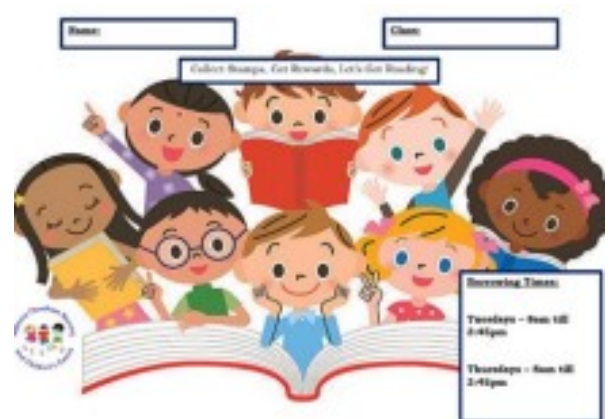


READING LIBRARY

All children should have received their individual book bags and also a Reading Passport. The Reading Passport Library is NOW OPEN! The Reading Passport is in addition to the book bags and gives your child some extra incentive to experience more books and be in the running for various certificates and gifts. With the Reading Passport, the children 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 **Mondays 8am—4pm, Tuesdays 8am – 4pm, Wednesdays 10am – 5:45pm and Thursdays 8am – 4pm.**



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 of our learning helps children love reading on a deeper level which we hope they will keep with them throughout their education.

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December

Friday 6th December

- Parent Forum on Mark Making with School of Family provision visit 9am or 1pm

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10:30am—11:45am and 1:30pm—2:45pm

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Friday 13th December

-Christmas Lunch (30 Hour and Extended Day Children)

Thursday 19th December

- Christmas parties

Monday 23rd December—Monday 6th January

-Holiday period for Government Funded Children

Wednesday 25th December— Wednesday 1st January

-Holiday period for ALL children and Children's Centre

January

Monday 6th January

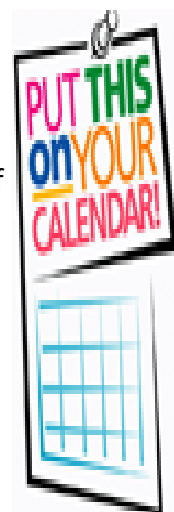
-INSET Day—School and Children's Centre closed to ALL

Tuesday 7th January

-All children return back to school

Wednesday 15th January

-Parent Forum on Sustainable Citizenship 9am or 1pm



Children's Centre

Celebrate another successful year with us at Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre by booking on to one of our end of year celebrations from Monday 16th December 2024– Friday 20th December 2024. Bookings open from Monday 9th December 2024. Secure a space and join us for finger food, games, music and much much more!



The Children's Centre will be closed from Friday 20th December 2024 and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Reminder: We are also closed on Monday 6th January 2025 for staff training.

Thank you


Coming soon... Keep a look out for our January—March 2025 Activity Calendar.

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

Making Time for Me

Encouraging 'Mindfulness and Wellbeing'


Join the Family Support Team to get ideas on how to manage your wellbeing and take care of your mental health



Date: Tuesday 10th December
Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Venue: Rebecca Cheetham Nursery and Children Centre E15 3JT



To register please call us on 0208 534 3136 opt 4



STAY AND PLAY FOR UNDER 5s WITH A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

Thursday 12th December 2024

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



ARE YOU EXPERIENCING HOUSING ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING YOUR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

If so, we are running a **housing rights workshop** to help you understand what your housing options are and who you could get help from.

When? Wednesday, 11th December 11am to 12.30pm
Where? Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre, Marcus Street, E15 3JT



Please speak to your Family Support Worker if you would like to attend!

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FIGHT FOR HOME LONDON

TOYS DONATION

Do you have any pre-loved toys that are no longer being used?

Toys are important to children's learning but unfortunately not all children have access to toys at home

Rebecca Cheetham Children's Centre kindly requests your support with donating a toy or two.



Health Promotion

Come and join a Health Visiting Health Care Practitioner for one of our advisory sessions

Our next session is taking place on

Accident Prevention and Minor Ailments

Thursday 19th December 2024

Please ask to speak with the Family Support Team if you have any donations to make.

We request that the items are checked for damage; they have no missing pieces and are cleaned (where possible).

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has joined us at the Children's Centre throughout 2024! Without your attendance our services would not be able to continue. We wish you all a restful end to the year and look forward to you continuing to join us in 2025!

If you need assistance during our closure please find helpful organisations and contacts 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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SONGS FROM

SHINE STAR SHINE



Join us for a very special time of year where you can enjoy your children perform songs from *Shine Star Shine* and other festive songs.

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

JEFFERS ROOM

10:30AM & 1:30PM

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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

COOKE AND MCKEE ROOMS

10:30AM & 1:30PM

Rebecca Cheetham Nursery
and Children's Centre



Limited spaces available so please restrict to two people.



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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>.