

Important Dates 2020

New dates for 2020

Training days

- Tuesday 22nd September
- Friday 20th November

Bank Holidays

- Monday 31st August

Christmas 2020

- Nursery closes Thursday 24th December 2020 at 12:00pm and reopens on Monday 4th January 2021 at 8:00am

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone. It's great to see the children so happy to be back at the nursery with their friends, we have all missed them. We are all adjusting to the new normal and are now in our new routine.

We have been talking to the children about their experiences during lockdown and the older children made 'hugs' for the special people in their lives who they weren't able to see during lockdown. We have been reading lots of stories and of course washing our hands lots!

Although we are not allowed to invite you in to join our events we have been running revised versions of some events for the children. Each 'bubble' held a mini sports day in the garden which the children loved and our Aardvarks leavers had their leavers disco, making their own graduation hats this year.

We are closely watching the changing government guidance and constantly evaluating how and when we can resume our normal opening hours without having to introduce a lot more adults into each 'bubble.'

As we are quieter than normal post the lockdown please remember to tell your friends about us if they are looking for a local nursery.

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Staff

As more staff are returning you will start to see a few more familiar faces. 'Bubbles' of children will be staying consistent with the same staff as now with returning staff coming in to cover for current working staff holidays to minimise any risks to your child and our staff.

Sadly Salma will be leaving us on 4th September. As her son will be starting school this year she is going to be taking some more time to spend with him. Salma has been with Scribbles for many years and we will all miss her. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her well for the future.

Becky Mephram will be joining Scribbles mid September. Becky is Level3 qualified with many years experience in daycare and we are pleased to welcome her to our team. Becky will be joining the 2 year old team.

Coronavirus

Thank you to all parents for observing the social distancing signs and sticking to your time slots for arrival and departure at the nursery. Although the rules on social distancing have been amended we will be adhering to the 2m guidance as we cannot handover children any more quickly at the door and so there is no advantage to reduce the distance for any potential queuing. Government guidance is still not to allow parents into the building and so we will continue as now until this guidance is updated. If anyone's situation has changed and they would like to adjust their time slots then please call the office and we will try to do this for you. Please be aware that there are only a limited number of slots for parents at each time to avoid parents having to queue as much as possible. If you are going to be earlier or later than your time slot can you please let us know as then we can have your child ready at the appropriate time and reduce waiting time. We are continually monitoring the guidance and hope to be able to get back to our normal hours in the very near future. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this time.

New Website

We have now launched our new website and we will be updating this regularly once we have ironed out some initial hiccups. We have added tours of the rooms for prospective parents to view and you can find lots of useful links to funding and the curriculum amongst others.

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Get Set Working Well

Before lockdown Scribbles subscribed to the *Get Set Working Well* program. This program is designed to enhance how we support staff and develop workplace wellbeing. We have made use of their services during lockdown and will be continuing with this program when it restarts in September, working towards a London Healthy Workplace Award. In these strange times their services have never been more valuable and we will be accessing their training on managing stress and anxiety and building resilience on our **next training day, 22nd September**. In addition staff will also be undertaking an Advanced Safeguarding course on this day.

Healthy Eating

A new meal planner for toddlers has been launched to help parents provide their children with the right balance of foods and nutrients, and to help stop childhood obesity. The Infant & Toddler Forum's (ITF) new meal planner is aimed at parents and carers of one- to four-year-olds and designed to simplify meal planning and encourage healthy eating habits for life.

It follows the launch of the Prime Minister Boris Johnson's campaign to tackle the country's obesity crisis last month. The Toddler Menu Planner costs £4.99 and is available to download <https://shop.infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddler-menu-planner/>

Upcoming events

Sadly we have had to postpone all our upcoming events in 2020 that involve trips out of the nursery. We will continue with events in the nursery for the children but unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents in to join us. We have also had to temporarily postpone siblings having tea together however we hope that we will be able to reintroduce some of these events as government guidance is updated and we will keep you informed of changes.

Month	Date	Activity	Comments
All events TBC subject to updated government guidance			
September	Tues 22nd	Staff Training	Nursery Closed
	Tues 29 th	Workshop	Behaviour management Zoom Workshop 9-9.30am Please book with Maria J
October	Fri 30 th	Halloween Party	3-4.30pm
	TBC	Harvest Festival	Dry goods collection for local homeless people
November	Thurs 5 th	Guy Fawkes	Activities in room

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	Thurs 12 th	Photographer	For everyone 8 am - 1230 pm
	Fri 13 th	Diwali	Activities in room
	Thurs 19 th	Parent's Night	7-8.30pm
	Fri 20 th	Staff Training	Nursery Closed
December	Wed 2 nd	Santa at Crews Hill	Whole nursery welcome to attend to see Santa and go on the train ride. Nursery will be closed while children are on the trip
	Mon 7 th	Concert	Nativity Play at Methodist Church
	Wed 13-20 th	Hanukkah	Activities in room
	Thurs 24 th	Xmas Party	10-11.30am. Santa, will be visiting and we will play games and have a tea party

Important information from Barnet

Re: 'Flu vaccination for 2 and 3 year olds this winter 2020/21

As winter approaches, please remember that your 2 and 3 year olds are entitled to free 'flu vaccine on the NHS. This winter it is likely that flu and COVID-19 will both be circulating. Flu is a dangerous virus that can be harmful to children and kills thousands of people a year. Young children catch influenza very easily. Each winter on average 5-20% of adults will be infected with 'flu, whilst 30-50% of children are infected. Children also spread the infection for up to 7 days, which is longer than in adults. Vaccinating children reduces the risk of influenza for family members, childcare staff and other children. This vaccine is provided by the child's GP practice. The vaccine is given as a nasal spray and protects the child against the four main strains of influenza predicted to be in circulation this winter. Vaccination against flu will reduce the levels of flu in the population and help reduce the burden on health services this winter. All London general practices have adapted their delivery of vaccinations to ensure that they are safely vaccinating children in COVID-19 secure venues with social distancing, Personal Protective Equipment and infection control measures in place. Although COVID-19 has introduced a 'new normal' of nursery and preschool with social distancing measures, 'bubbling' and infection control measures, children are still at risk of germs (virus and bacteria alike) spreading. Vaccination builds children's immunity to protect against illnesses. Please also check that children are up to date with all the other vaccinations that they would have been invited for as a baby, at 12 months old and at 3 years 4 months. For a checklist of the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given, please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations.

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