

Important Dates 2020

Closure dates

Training days

- Friday 20th November

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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October 2020

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Dear Parents

We are now all getting used to our new normal and the children are well settled in their rooms and routines. As London is now in Tier 2 we have enhanced our COVID procedures and are now asking anyone collecting or dropping at the door to wear a face covering. Thank you all for complying with this new guidance. Can we please remind parents not to bring your child to nursery if they are unwell and if they are displaying any COVID symptoms to get tested. We are also requesting that parents do not bring their child to nursery if they have been given Calpol as this may mask a temperature. This is for all the children and staff safety and we appreciate your co-operation.



Although we have not been out in the local community as we would usually we have been doing lots of events at the nursery. We celebrated Black History month, making mud cloths and role playing Handa's surprise and last week the children were learning all about caring for our teeth. We looked at our teeth, made our own toothbrushes and talked about what is good for our teeth and what is not. Please remember to register your child with a dentist if they do not already have one.

This week we are having our Halloween party week. We will be having events all week at the nursery so all children can participate and have already started making our spooky houses.

We are also on the East Finchley pumpkin trail which has been set up in the local community so you can take your children out safely this year for Halloween. You can follow the map to spot the homes displaying pumpkins without ringing any doorbells with Mum and Dad supplying the treats! Please see the information and the map on the link below and remember to look out for our display on Aardvarks window while you are on your walk.



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As Fireworks Night is also fast approaching and large displays are cancelled, now is a good time to read the following advice from the Children's Accident Prevention Trust about how to have a safe display at home.

<https://www.capt.org.uk/fireworks-essential-facts>

Staff

Congratulations to Gemma and Trina for completing their Level 3 in Childcare and to Anna for completing her Level 2. They have all worked extremely hard and managed to complete their qualification, even in these difficult times. We are all very proud of their success which is well deserved.

We are pleased to welcome Carmela to Scribbles. Carmela has a degree in Creative Arts- Theatre and Film and will be working with Koalas and Wombats children and staff.

Coronavirus Updates

Thank you to all parents for wearing masks on collection and drop off and observing the social distancing signs. As we have now extended our hours back to normal and therefore have more slots available we hope this has helped to minimise any queuing. 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. Thank you for your continued patience and support during this time.

Daynurseries.co.uk

We are currently quieter than normal and would appreciate if you would complete a review for us on daynurseries.co.uk to share your experience of the nursery with prospective parents. You can do this by following the link www.daynurseries.co.uk/submitreview, requesting a review card from us or scanning the QR code on the entry doors.

Parent's Night

Unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents into the nursery for the usual Parent's Night this November however instead we will be inviting all families to participate in a Zoom call with their child's keyworker this term. Your child will receive a progress report this term which will be available for you to view on Tapestry. When you receive the notification that it is ready to view you will also be invited to book a Zoom consultation with your child's key worker. This can be arranged through the office for a mutually convenient time during the day.

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Staff Training

In September staff completed advanced safeguarding training and a very interesting course on emotional resilience and how to recognise and manage stress. This was very useful and we will be carrying out more training for staff in this area as well as managing children's emotional well being over the coming months.

On our next training day, Friday 20th November, we are hoping to complete the introduction to Mental Health First aid and will be refreshing staff's knowledge on prevent duty and FGM.

Rewild My Street

If you are looking for ideas to do with your child while we are under more restrictions or perhaps you are isolating, have a look at the following sites;

- **Rewild My Street**

provides design-led guidance for people wishing to adapt their homes, gardens and streets to encourage wildlife. Follow the link for activities you and your family could do to help urban wildlife

<https://www.rewildmystreet.org/activities>

- **Family Corner**

Family Corner is published by the Early Years Alliance — a registered educational charity and offers a series of free online **Parent Connect** events specifically designed for parents to teach them about key areas of children's development and a host of activities to do with your child.

<https://www.familycorner.co.uk/>

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

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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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