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Health and Safety



Please remember that the Eastwood site can be busy with cars and lots of children and families passing through. We are always pleased to see children walking or scooting to nursery and we ask that children hold their parent's hand when on the way to nursery and when collected. Please use the Zebra crossings and footpaths around the site to keep everyone safe and attach a chord to scooters!

Buggies



If you are storing your buggy at Eastwood Day Nursery for the day whilst your child attends, please can you ensure that it is folded up and that all personal items are removed. This also applies when attending Children's

Centre sessions - we cannot have buggies blocking fire routes or causing a danger to our children.

Safeguarding



Just a reminder that our new safeguarding policy is on the website. If for any reason you become concerned about a child please talk to a permanent member of staff - perhaps the person running a children's centre session or a Room Leader / Class Teacher.

Alternatively call us on 020 8876 3976 and say you would like to talk about a safeguarding concern.



We are collecting items for the local foodbank to celebrate our 'Harvest Festival Day' on 21st October 2016. There are details about what we are collecting available at reception. If your child attends Eastwood Nursery then please come along to one of our Harvest Festival Sing Songs on the day - check letters for details. The children (Cedar, Chestnut, and Maple and Beech classes) are singing at 9.30am and at 1.00pm.

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Song sheets are on the website and search YouTube to hear the tunes! We will be singing 'Round and Round the Village'; 'Horsey Horsey Don't You Stop'; 'Oats and Beans and Barley Grow'; 'The Farmers in his Den' and 'One Man Went to Mow' plus some Eastwood favourites!

Learning This Week at Eastwood

Blossom Room



Our baby room is rather turning into a farm just lately! The tomatoes are growing nicely and the children made pizzas from scratch this week- making their own dough and using their home-grown tomatoes! Blossom Room's theme this term is 'Growing and Changing'.

Willow Room

This term's theme for Willow Room is 'Our Environment' - with a focus on visits out in the

community. The children have been making their own playdough and have enjoyed mark making with a range of different media.

Cedar Room

This week the children in Cedar Class have been: making a height chart by cutting long strips of paper and exploring length. They have been making jelly then using 'grabbers' to take objects from the jelly. The older children have been exploring magnets to investigate what attracts and repels as well as making cars and tunnels through mark-making.



Chestnut Class

We are all very pleased at how well and how quickly the children have settled. They have been learning to focus in on activities led by adults and learning to share toys together to help them make links with other children in their play. The children really enjoyed their singing group with a special song to learn names and to greet each other. There is a real sense of camaraderie between the children!

Beech Class

I have been very impressed with the quality of children's drawing especially from some of the new children who have taken great care and enjoyed displaying their drawings or taking them home. Some

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of them have been finding their name cards and either having a go or seeking adult help to write their names.



Maple Class

This week the children have been talking about their families and who is in their families - some of the children have then been drawing pictures of their family and have begun to make a display in their cloakroom of them.

Some of the children have had an interest in 'potions' mixing different ingredients such as coloured water, salt, leaves and so on to make their own potion. This is in fact a good example of early science!



They have also had lots of fun with the clay - exploring the texture and producing different shapes and models using a variety of tools.

Talk Shop

Each month we run a talk-shop session with our Speech Therapist Kate Swanepoel. The sessions are drop-ins at the Nursery School building and are perfect if you have any worries about speech and language in your very young child. Sessions run from 10 -11 am on the first Monday of the month. See the children's centre programme for details.

Children's Centre Programme

We have a new programme published! See our website for a download or pick up a programme in any of our reception points.



SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning)

The next SEAL workshop course starts on 9th November 2016 and runs once a week for 6 weeks. It is an ideal course for parents wanting some ideas on supporting their children's behaviour in really positive ways. Please talk to the Family Workers Liz and Ann if you are interested in attending.

Governor **VACANCY**

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor on our Governing Body. We are in particular seeking a governor with knowledge and skills around human

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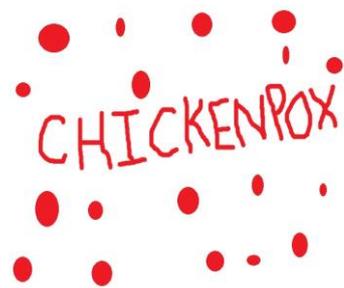
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resources (HR), financial matters or early years education. If you think you may be able to assist or know of someone in your workplace or the community who may be able to assist then please contact the Chair of Governors, Adam Ockelford via the school email address admin@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk

The Big Draw

We think drawing is very important and that children should be able to draw whenever they want to. We want to take part in the Big Draw and involve all our children and parents in this with sessions for parents to come in and draw with their child here at Eastwood. The Big Draw is a campaign throughout October so look out for further information and think about having some plain paper and crayons always available at home. You will be supporting early physical development and literacy skills as well as their creative development!

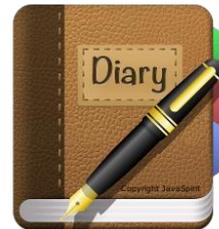
Chicken Pox



We have a number of cases at the Nursery School at the moment. Children can come back when spots have scabbed over. Please remember that chicken

pox can present a risk to pregnant mums.

Dates for the Diary



'Starting at Eastwood' - information for children recently started at Eastwood on 14th October at 9.30am or 18th October at 7.00pm in the evening. Please come to the training room in the nursery school building.

Parents' Forum (In the Children's Centre) 9.30am to 11.00am, Tuesday 18th October 2016

'Harvest Festival Day' – Friday 21st October 2016

Half Term- Week 24th to 28th October 2016 (No nursery school that week for Chestnut, Maple & Beech Classes and part-time **(EECP 2 year olds)** in Willow Room.