



Newsletter 17th November 2017

Strategic Development Plan

Each year Eastwood staff and governors review our priorities to ensure that we are continually improving the quality of our services. These are our new priorities for 2017/18: -

- Voice of the child
- Positive Feelings; Positive behaviour
- Exploring People and Communities
- Fantastic 2 year olds
- Outstanding Learning and Teaching for Everyone

We are still embedding much of the work from last year and will continue to develop our children's centre, focus on children learning through movement and help them to use and apply maths and science through practical first hand activities- often out of doors.

30 HOURS FREE EARLY EDUCATION CHILDCARE

The entitlement to an additional free 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds is provided at Eastwood Nursery School and Day Nursery subject to availability. Please apply by 30th November 2017 for January 2018 places.

You will need to check your eligibility at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

You will need to have your National Insurance number to hand and be ready to print your eligibility code to hand in to the Day Nursery or Nursery School.

If you have any queries please contact Hope Francis on 020 8876 3976

Children's Centre

Homestart Volunteering Training Course

We are looking for parents and carers to join our volunteer team to **visit** families and assist in running our Family Hubs. You will be supporting families who are finding it difficult to cope and provide them with emotional support, practical help and friendship. You can use the knowledge and experience gained from looking after your own family to support others who are struggling. All you need is enthusiasm, reliability and a willingness to train and learn.

Volunteering only requires **2 to 4 hours** a week and we provide you with accredited and on-going **training and support**. Our next preparation course starts on **Thursday 18 January 2018 at Eastwood Centre for Children & Families** The course is from 9.30-2.30pm, one session a week over 8 weeks (term time only).

If you are interested we would love to hear from you. Call 020 8871 5544 to find out more.

Understanding your Child's behaviour

Delivered by Hannah our Educational Psychologist



This Workshop consists of 2 sessions to support you in understanding your child's development and behaviour

Monday 20th November - 9.30 – 11.30am

Monday 27th November - 9.30 – 11.30am

Crèche available, please contact the centre to book a place. 020 8871 5544 or 020 8876 3976 x505

Dads Go Wild Change of Date

'Dads Go Wild' is our monthly Saturday morning outdoor activity session for young children with a male carer. These usually take place on the first Saturday of the month but the next session is going to be at 9.30 on Saturday 9th December Meet at the Nursery School entrance.

Polka Theatre

Children from across Eastwood have enjoyed trips to the theatre this week and even more have enjoyed working with Polka's research arm 'Polka Lab' - which also had parents getting involved!

The playwright Sarah Argent spent 2 days with us last year to gather children's ideas and quotes for the current production 'My Brother, My Sister and Me'. We were pleased to see some of our past children at the theatre on Saturday as they came to see their ideas on the stage!



Safeguarding

Please remember that parents and family members are not permitted to use mobile phones in the nursery classrooms or during children's centre sessions. We will normally have Eastwood cameras available.



Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Oak class have been talking about the fireworks that they may have seen and heard recently and have been learning about the story of the Little Gingerbread Man. They are doing really well with getting their own coats on to go out to play.

Maple class have been exploring different vegetables, learning to peel them, predicting and looking at what's inside, describing how they feel and look and promoting healthy eating.

Chestnut Class have been exploring patterns and working hard to see if they can copy and create patterns using bright colours. They have also been busy baking and making playdough!

Cedar Class have been making little houses on their forest school outing and have made chocolate brownies this week as they are really getting to grips with baking!

Blossom Room have had a very busy week as well – looking at and painting pictures of poppies, making dough and really enjoying their water play.

Beech Class have developed the children's interest in pirate ships through outdoor play and indoors-marking out a boat shape on the floor and discovering some treasure!

Everybody Draw (and Paint) Together

It has been lovely seeing parents and children drawing or painting together across the Centre. You can see some photographs of the Draw Together sessions in the Nursery School and the exciting hand print murals in the Day Nursery entrance areas. There will be other sessions coming up soon!

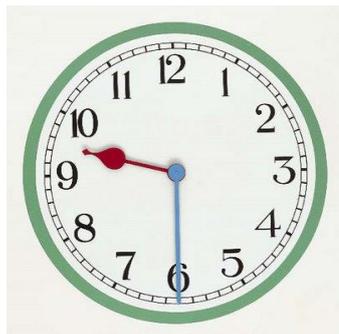


Attendance and Punctuality

Unless your child is unwell, please do try to ensure that they are here on every day that they attend and at the correct time. We want to ensure that all children have the maximum time to play and learn.

So if your child is due to come in to attend nursery, or a children's centre play and learn session, help them to learn good routines by getting there on time! Have a chat with your key person or

children's centre worker if you finding this difficult.



If you are going to be late or not going to attend then please phone us within 30 minutes of the start time so we can order or cancel lunch for your child

Are You Looking for a Nursery Place?

You can book show arounds for Eastwood Nursery School and Eastwood Day Nursery by calling us on 020 8876 3976

We will be running an open day on Wednesday 10th January from 10.00 AM. Come and see the nursery in action!

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 17 th November | Children in Need day- wear your pyjamas for the day for a small donation |
| 9 th December | Dads Go Wild (change of date) |
| 13 th December | Christmas Dinner for Nursery School (open to children who are already attending for lunch at this point) |
| 13 th December | Hanukkah bedtime story- all welcome at 5.15 in the Nursery School building |
| 15 th December | Eastwood Christmas Christmas sing-a-longs and |

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| | parties |
| 15 th December | Christmas Dinner for Day Nursery Classes |
| 20 th December | Children's Centre closes until New Year |
| 20 th December | Last day of term for Nursery School and term time children in the Day Nursery |
| 22 nd December | Day Nursery closes at 3.00PM until the New Year |
| January 2 nd / 3rd | Nurseries and Children Centre closed for staff training |
| 4 th January | Day Nursery, Nursery School and Children's Centre all open |
| 6 th January | Dads Go Wild |

Footwear

With the wetter weather there are some lovely muddy puddles appearing in the gardens and out in the areas that we often take the children. Everyone loves splashing in puddles so welly boots are essential but please make sure your child also has their velcro-fastening shoes or trainers with them at all times and that there are plenty of jogging bottoms in their bag so they can get changed if they get wet.

Health and Safety

Thank you for not parking in the disabled parking bays. If you need to use one of these bays please display your permit very clearly.

Please visit our website

www.eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk

